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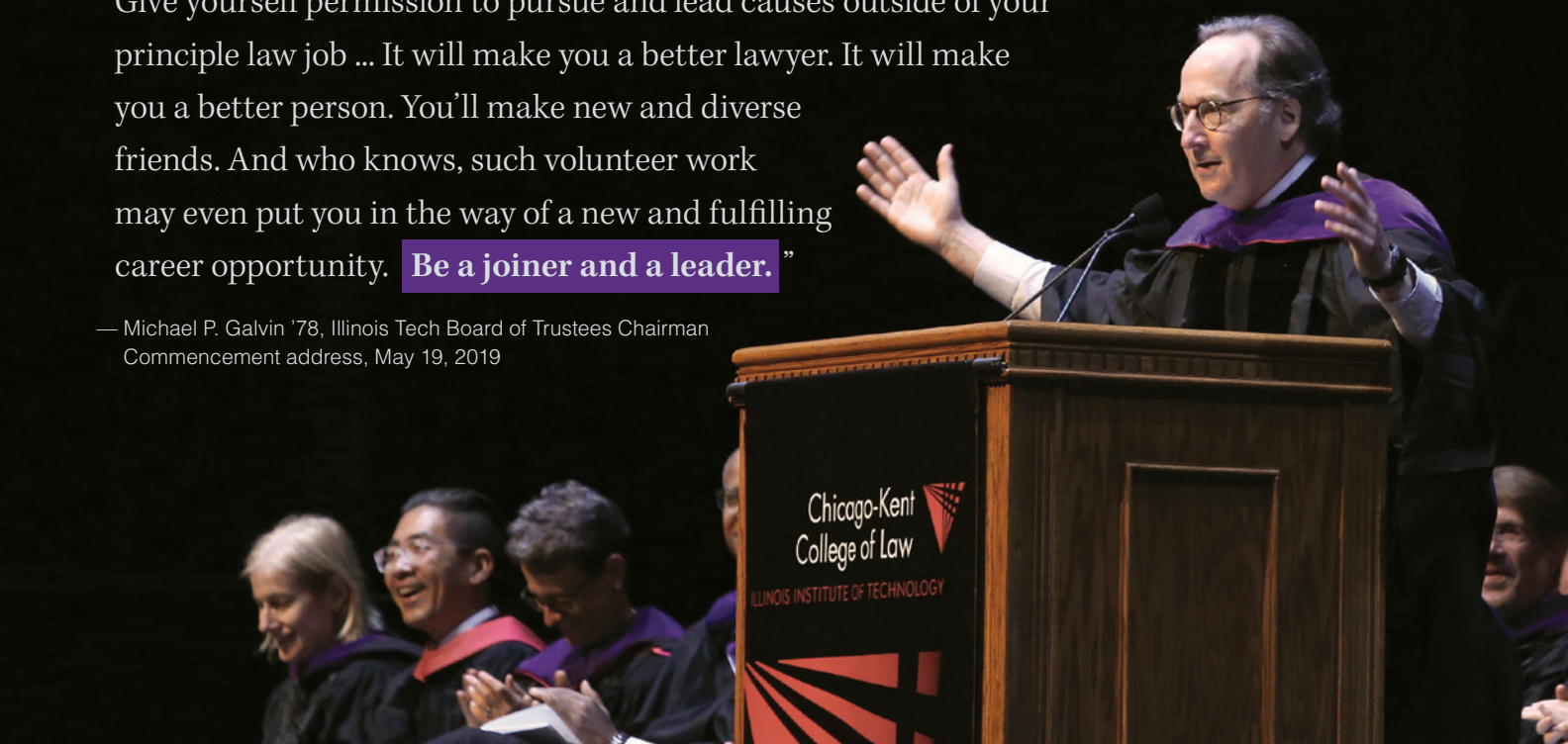
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Johnny Derogene '19 Named Sole Recipient of 2019 AFL-CIO Fellowship

Johnny Derogene '19 has been selected for a one-year fellowship with the AFL-CIO's legal department in Washington, D.C.

Each year the AFL-CIO's legal department awards only one fellowship to a graduating law student or a recent judicial law clerk. Derogene is the first student from Chicago-Kent College of Law to be awarded this fellowship.

"We are very excited for Johnny," says Professor Martin Malin, co-director of Chicago-Kent's Institute for Law and the Workplace. "This is the most competitive and prestigious position a new law school graduate interested in union-side labor law can get. Johnny competed against judicial law clerks and students from so-called elite law schools from all over the country."

During his fellowship, Derogene will work with experienced union attorneys around the country on labor law matters and legislation involving the National Labor Relations Act.

"Unions are important because they make sure that families can support themselves, that people can't be terminated for trivial reasons," he says.

Derogene graduated cum laude with a B.A. in political science and philosophy from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, where he was a student in the college's honors program.

Derogene always knew he wanted to become an attorney. Through his college's pre-law program, he heard about Chicago-Kent's Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program, which is designed to prepare students from underrepresented groups to succeed in law school and the legal profession.

"As a rising senior in college, I participated in the PLUS Program at Chicago-Kent, and it truly introduced me to law school," he says. "It gave me an opportunity to take real law classes taught by actual Chicago-Kent law professors. I liked the professors and the school's environment. After that three-week-long program, in 2014, I knew that I wanted to come back to Chicago-Kent for law school. And I did!"



Johnny Derogene '19 will work in the AFL-CIO's legal department in Washington, D.C.

Diverse Undergraduates Learn About Legal Profession at Chicago-Kent



Students in Chicago-Kent College of Law's 2019 Pre-Law Undergraduate Scholars Program visited the Dirksen Federal Building, where they toured the courthouse, met United States District Court Judge Sara L. Ellis, and observed proceedings in the courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge Andrea R. Wood. Founded in 2001, the PLUS Program is designed to introduce students from diverse backgrounds to the rigors of law school. During the three-week summer program, 24 undergraduate students representing 21 colleges and universities took classes taught by Chicago-Kent faculty, participated in a mock trial competition, learned about the law school admissions process and career options, took an LSAT practice exam, drafted a memorandum of law, took final examinations in Contracts and Criminal Law, and met leaders in the legal profession. The PLUS Program is free of charge for the students.



Timothy H. Edgar, winner of the 2018 Palmer Civil Liberties Prize, presented *Beyond Snowden: Privacy, Mass Surveillance, and the Struggle to Reform the NSA* at Chicago-Kent in April.

Brown University's Timothy H. Edgar Wins 2018 Palmer Civil Liberties Prize

Timothy H. Edgar, a senior fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, won the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law/Roy C. Palmer Civil Liberties Prize for his book *Beyond Snowden: Privacy, Mass Surveillance, and the Struggle to Reform the NSA* (Brookings Institution Press 2017). He spoke at Chicago-Kent in April about the ideas in his book and about his experiences as an intelligence official during the George W. Bush and Barack Obama administrations.

In *Beyond Snowden*, Edgar explains both why and how we can protect our privacy without sacrificing vital intelligence capabilities. He traces the evolution of America's mass-surveillance programs in the twenty-first century, from the USA PATRIOT Act in 2001 to Obama-era reforms following Edward Snowden's leaks of classified information in 2013 to new cryptographic technologies that could enable intelligence agencies to collect relevant data while preserving privacy. Edgar shares his ideas for reform and concludes his book with "a call for privacy and [for] civil liberties advocates and the national security community to recognize their common values in the face of a world that seemingly is turning its back on liberal democracy and human rights."



(Left to right): Tobias Rodriguez '19, Susana Sandoval Vargas '19, Carl Sessions '19, and Elisabeth Hieber '19—pictured here with Associate Professor of Law Carolyn Shapiro (center)—were selected for two-year Equal Justice Works fellowships.

Four Chicago-Kent Graduates Selected for Equal Justice Works Fellowships

Equal Justice Works selected the highest-ever number of Chicago-Kent College of Law alumni this year for its prestigious public interest fellowships. Four members of the Class of 2019—Elisabeth Hieber, Tobias Rodriguez, Susana Sandoval Vargas, and Carl Sessions—were among the 76 fellows chosen this year.

Equal Justice Works fellowships give law graduates the opportunity to design their own public interest projects.

"The record-setting number of Equal Justice Works awards—eclipsed only by Yale, Harvard, and [New York University] in the entire country—is testament to our school's dedication and focus on the public interest," says then-Dean Harold Krent. "Congrats to Elisabeth, Tobias, Susana, and Carl."

Hieber is establishing mobile legal clinics at LGBT-supportive organizations where LGBT elders can receive culturally responsive legal services. Hieber's fellowship is hosted by the Center for Disability and Elder Law and sponsored by PepsiCo.

Rodriguez is providing legal services for incarcerated fathers and fathers recently released from prison who want to establish or reestablish relationships with their minor children. His project is sponsored by the law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP and is hosted by Cabrini Green Legal Aid.

Sandoval Vargas is defending low-wage immigrant women workers against wage theft and other abuses in court and providing bilingual know-your-rights presentations. Her fellowship is hosted by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) and sponsored by Discover Financial Services and the law firm of Winston & Strawn LLP.

Sessions is representing tenants in eviction court and expanding the Eviction Brief Advice Desk, a collaboration between the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing, Legal Assistance Foundation, and DLA Piper that offers free assistance to renters at the Daley Center. His fellowship is sponsored by the Rossotti Family Foundation and is hosted by the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing.



Chicago-Kent College of Law faculty are frequent guests on Illinois Institute of

Technology's podcast *Curiosity Unplugged*. Download previous episodes to hear discussions from:

- Heather Harper on Chicago's "tech ecosystem"
- Anthony Michael Kreis on the benefits and pitfalls of social media
- Nancy S. Marder and Christopher Schmidt on political polarization and the Supreme Court
- Sheldon Nahmod on free speech on college campuses
- Henry H. Perritt Jr. on driverless cars
- Carolyn Shapiro on the development of immigration and naturalization law in the United States

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Jack Etchingham '20 Places First in the 2018 Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition

Jack Etchingham '20 won the 27th annual Ilana Diamond Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition, which is sponsored by Chicago-Kent College of Law's Moot Court Honor Society. The competition is named for Chicago-Kent graduate Ilana Diamond Rovner, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

This year students argued *Gamble v. United States*, a case involving a convicted felon who was charged by both state and federal officials with possession of a firearm by a felon after police found a handgun in his car during a 2015 traffic stop. At issue is whether the U.S. Supreme Court should overrule the separate-sovereigns exception to the Fifth Amendment's Double Jeopardy Clause, which allows a defendant to be prosecuted under state and federal law for the same underlying crime.

In the final round of competition, Etchingham argued against Alec Kraus '20. As first-place winner, Etchingham received the Ilana Diamond Rovner Award for Outstanding Appellate Advocate.

Kraus, who placed second, won the Fay Clayton Award for Outstanding Oral Advocate, while Mitchell Bild '20 received the Ralph L. Brill Award for Best Brief.

The final round of the competition was judged by a distinguished panel that included Rovner; the Honorable Mary L. Mikva of the Illinois Appellate Court, First District; and then-Dean Harold Krent.



(Left to right): Mitchell Bild '20 won the Ralph L. Brill Award for Best Brief; Jack Etchingham '20 won the Ilana Diamond Rovner Award for Outstanding Appellate Advocate; and Alec Kraus '20 won the Fay Clayton Award for Outstanding Oral Advocate.

Chicago-Kent Programs Earn Top Grades from *PreLaw Magazine*

Chicago-Kent College of Law's programs in Labor and Employment Law, Intellectual Property Law, and Trial Advocacy have received grades of A or higher in rankings published in the winter 2019 and spring 2019 issues of *preLaw Magazine*.

The winter 2019 issue of *preLaw Magazine* identified America's top seven labor and employment law programs, designating Chicago-Kent as the best among them and the only program to earn a grade of A+.

preLaw Magazine notes that Chicago-Kent's Labor and Employment Law Program offers a J.D. certificate, nearly 20 courses in the practice area, and "a host of practical training opportunities," including the chance to work in the Plaintiffs' Employment Clinic, which litigates workplace violations ranging from unfair termination to sexual harassment.

In the spring 2019 issue, *preLaw Magazine* awarded Chicago-Kent's Intellectual Property Law Program a grade of A+ and gave Chicago-Kent's Trial Advocacy Program an A.

Chicago-Kent's IP program is distinguished by its breadth of course offerings; its annual Supreme Court IP



Review conference; its Center for Design, Law & Technology; its BookIT series featuring authors of newly published books; a vibrant Intellectual Property Law Society; and the student-run *Chicago-Kent Journal of Intellectual Property*, which is the official publication for the national Patent Trial and Appeal Board Bar Association.

Founded in 1971, Chicago-Kent's Trial Advocacy Program offers rigorous courtroom-skills training to hundreds of students each year. Known for its outstanding record in trial advocacy tournaments, Chicago-Kent is a four-time winner of the National Trial

Competition and is distinguished by the expertise of its faculty members and coaches, its breadth of courses, its low student-to-faculty ratio, and the work ethic and camaraderie of its students.

Additionally, Chicago-Kent's Program in Alternative Dispute Resolution received an A- rating in the spring 2019 issue.

The magazine bases its grading on curricular concentrations, clinics, centers, externships, journals, student groups, and certificates, among other factors.

Chicago-Kent Faculty Ranked 44th in United States

The faculty of Chicago-Kent College of Law has been ranked 44th among United States law school faculties for the scholarly impact of their published work.

In a study published in August 2018 on the Social Science Research Network, U.S. law school faculties were ranked for the frequency with which their scholarly publications are cited in U.S. legal journals. The "scholarly impact score" for a law faculty was calculated from the mean and the median of total law journal citations to the work of tenured faculty members for the years 2013 to 2017, inclusive. There are currently 204 American Bar Association-accredited law schools in the U.S.

"This scholarly impact report reflects my colleagues' prominence in the legal academy and mirrors the enthusiasm and inspiration they lend students in the classroom," says then-Dean Harold Krent.

Chicago-Kent's faculty is one of three Chicago-area law faculties listed among the study's top 50. Also ranked in the top 50 are the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. The study reports that Chicago-Kent's most frequently cited faculty scholars are Lori Andrews, Katharine Baker, Graeme Dinwoodie, Daniel Martin Katz, Krent, Edward Lee, Martin Malin, Nancy Marder, Henry H. Perritt Jr., and Mark Rosen.

"Scholarly Impact of Law School Faculties in 2018: Updating the Leiter Score Ranking for the Top Third" (August 14, 2018) is authored by Gregory C. Sisk, University of St. Thomas Law School; Nicole Catlin, University of St. Thomas Law School; Katherine Veenis; and Nicole Zeman. It can be downloaded at <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3230371>.





Mayoral Candidates Debate Civil Liberties at ACLU of Illinois Forum

Before a packed audience in Chicago-Kent College of Law's Ogilvie Auditorium in January, six Chicago mayoral candidates—Amara Enyia, La Shawn Ford, John Kozlar, Lori Lightfoot, Toni Preckwinkle, and Paul Vallas—explained how they would handle civil liberties issues if elected. WTTW's Amanda Vinicky asked candidates questions on issues ranging from the city's gang database to surveillance cameras. The event was sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois.



Georgetown Professor Paul Butler Gives Book Talk at Chicago-Kent

Paul Butler, the Albert Brick Professor in Law at Georgetown University Law School, spoke about his book *Chokehold: Policing Black Men* (New Press 2018) in April at Chicago-Kent College of Law. After the talk Butler answered questions from the audience about for-profit prisons, whether progressive prosecutors exist, and the goals of the prison abolition movement.



Judge Alsup Headlines 2018 Supreme Court IP Review

The Honorable William Alsup of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California gave a talk titled "Huge Numbers of Patent Cases: How One District Judge Manages Them" in September 2018 at Chicago-Kent College of Law's Supreme Court IP Review. Leading experts from academia, law practice, tech and pharmaceutical companies, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office also spoke at the 2018 conference, which had the largest attendance in the conference's nine-year history.



Using the Law to Eliminate Racial Inequities

Erika Wilson, the Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Professor in Public Policy and associate professor of law at the University of North Carolina School of Law, was the featured speaker at the fourth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Forum in January. Panelists discussed the topic "Legal Racism: How Inequities Created by the Law Can Be Eliminated by the Law."



"Not Your Father's Federalism"

Heather Gerken, the dean of Yale Law School, addressed the topic "Not Your Father's Federalism: What Conservatives and Liberals Get Wrong About Federalism" at Chicago-Kent College of Law's 2019 Centennial Lecture in February.



An International Perspective on Contract Law

Professor Stefan Vogenauer, director of the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History in Frankfurt, Germany, discussed "English Language Contracts Governed by a Foreign Law" at the Morris Lecture in International & Comparative Law in December 2018.



USPTO Director Iancu Speaks at Chicago-Kent

Andrei Iancu (left), the undersecretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, came to Chicago-Kent College of Law in February for a fireside chat moderated by Grantland Drutchas (right), the managing partner of McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP. Iancu answered questions from the audience about patent law and the USPTO's role in shaping public discourse and the law, such as for patentable subject matter, a recent area of controversy. The event was sponsored by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago's Corporate Committee.

Law Reviews Publish Chicago-Kent Student Papers



Anthony Joseph '18 published a scholarly paper in the November 2018 issue of the University of Pennsylvania's *Journal of Constitutional Law Online*.



Craig Ettinger '18 published a scholarly paper in the fall 2018 issue of George Mason University's *Civil Rights Law Journal*.

Chicago-Kent College of Law students continue to produce high-quality and wide-ranging scholarship. This past year, two recent graduates received recognition when they published papers they wrote as students in law reviews at the University of Pennsylvania and George Mason University.

Anthony Joseph '18 published "Down But Not Out: *Trinity Lutheran's* Implications for State No-Aid Provisions" in the November 2018 issue of the University of Pennsylvania's *Journal of Constitutional Law Online*. He wrote the article for an independent research project on law and religion with University Distinguished Professor Sheldon Nahmod.

In his article, Joseph proposes how common state constitutional provisions that forbid or restrict government aid to religious institutions can be reconciled with the United States Supreme Court's 2017 decision in *Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia Inc. v. Comer*. In that case, the court held that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources had violated the rights of Trinity Lutheran Church under the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment by denying the church an otherwise available public benefit (a state reimbursement grant to qualifying nonprofit organizations) on account of its religious status. Despite the *Trinity Lutheran* decision, Joseph argues that state "no-aid" provisions should

not be presumed unconstitutional in light of distinctions between religious status and religious uses, established notions of neutrality under the religion clauses, and federalism concerns.

Craig N. Ettinger '18 published "Does the History Behind the Adoption of the Fourth Amendment Demand Abolishing the Third-Party Doctrine?" in the fall 2018 issue of George Mason University's *Civil Rights Law Journal*. He wrote the paper for a class with University Distinguished Professor Lori Andrews on the Law of Social Networks.

In his article, Ettinger details how Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures conflict with the third-party doctrine, a legal precedent that allows the government to obtain information without a warrant if that information has been voluntarily disclosed to a third party. Ettinger argues that the third-party doctrine should be abolished in its entirety and that doing so would restore every citizen's expectation of privacy rights with respect to any governmental act that intrudes upon a person's private information.

Chicago-Kent Wins the Best Technology Award at the 2019 Capitol City Challenge



(Left to right): The trial advocacy team of Timothy Cho '20, Saman Haque '20, Jane Morrison '19, and Lilly Mashayek '20 won the best technology award and finished as national quarterfinalists at the 2019 Capitol City Challenge.

The Chicago-Kent College of Law trial advocacy team of Timothy Cho '20, Saman Haque '20, Lilly Mashayek '20, and Jane Morrison '19 finished as national quarterfinalists and won the best technology award at the 2019 Capitol City Challenge at American University in Washington, D.C.

The competition is designed to provide participating law students with a twenty-first century courtroom experience. Teams were challenged to use the latest in trial presentation technology to more effectively argue their cases. Chicago-Kent's team was able to rise to this challenge thanks in part to the skills taught in the law school's Litigation Technology course.

"I think it made us more confident going up knowing that our tech was good," says Haque, explaining that coach Guy Guenther '18 "taught us a lot of the stuff that we didn't know."

Guenther, who earned a CALI Award for the highest grade in his Litigation Technology course in spring 2017, worked with the students as they developed the presentation for their arguments using PowerPoint and Trial Director software.

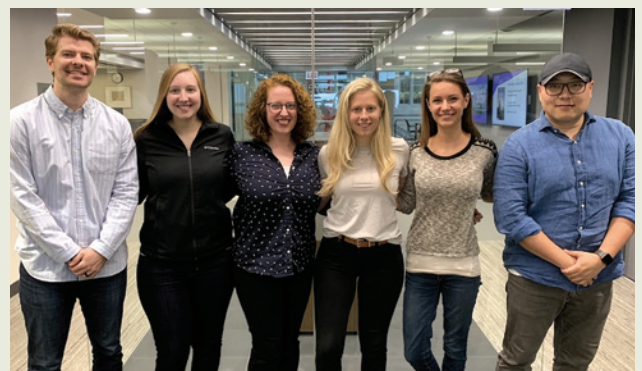
"For the technology, we primarily used the skills developed in Litigation Technology, especially during the slides with jury instructions," explains Guenther, who works as a prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. "Each of these slides began with showing all the jury instruction as a whole and then calling out and blowing up the elements or important parts and blurring the rest of the instructions still in the background."

In Litigation Technology—co-taught by Nicholas Caputo '01, founding partner of Caputo & Popovic PC, and Michael Ko '08, founder of Groundwork Trial Consulting—students learn how to integrate technology into their trial presentations, applying principles of persuasion to create more compelling courtroom visuals.

The 2019 Capitol City Challenge team was also coached by Kristen Farr Capizzi '18, who works in the tax practice of Big Four accounting firm Ernst & Young, and John Montelongo '91, an experienced litigator and principal of John M. Montelongo Attorney at Law PC.

Preparing for the Future of Law Practice

The Institute for the Future of Law Practice selected seven Chicago-Kent College of Law students—the largest group from any participating United States law school—for its 2019 boot camp. Students learned design thinking, data analytics, technology, and process and project management at the boot camp, and then participated in paid internships with law firms, legal services providers, legal tech companies, public service organizations, or innovative in-house legal departments. The Chicago-Kent students in this year's program are (left to right) McKay Mitchell '21, Marisa McGrenera '21, Anna Corbett '20, Mara Flack '20, Kristin Riffner '21, Yilun Hu '20, and (not pictured) Trace Bareck '20.



Learning the Business of Law

Chicago-Kent College of Law is preparing students for the law jobs of the future with its new J.D. certificate program in Legal Innovation + Technology, launched in fall 2017.

Professor Daniel Martin Katz spearheaded the new program, which builds on the law school's decades-long tradition of incorporating legal technology in the classroom.

"We're trying to create the next generation of polytechnic lawyers. This [the world] is the client's world. We are preparing our students to be ready," he says.

Katz created the program in response to the ways the legal marketplace has changed in the past decade—such as clients demanding more services for less money and the emergence of new technology making it easier to scale legal services.

Students take five required courses—including Legal Analytics and Legal Project Management + Process Improvement—plus six credit hours of technology-based electives on topics such as blockchain, e-discovery, and artificial intelligence.

"The best thing about the Legal Innovation + Technology certificate program is that it showed me an aspect of the profession that I didn't know existed," says Arthur Surratt III '19, now a practice innovation associate at Reed Smith. "I had the unique opportunity to learn about how the right people, improved processes, and emerging technology can come together to improve the delivery of legal services."

In addition to the certificate program, Chicago-Kent is accepting applications for a new LL.M. Program in Legal Innovation + Technology.



Professor Daniel Martin Katz

Students Get Hands-On Immigration Experience



(Left to right): Aakash Dega '19, Tatiana Alonso '20, Carolina Solano '19, Diana Gomez '20, Joanna Martin '19, and Rosemary O'Malley '19

Tatiana Alonso '20 heard story after story from women who had suffered horrendous violence when she visited the South Texas Family Residential Detention Center in March 2018. Alonso

and 11 other members of the Immigration Law Society were the first group of Chicago-Kent College of Law students to travel to Dilley, Texas, to help prepare women seeking asylum for their credible-fear interviews with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service.

"As the daughter of immigrants, I know that no one leaves their home without reason," she explains. "These women and children have a right to seek asylum and a better life."

She shared her experiences in summer 2018 with the Chicago-Kent Board of Advisors, noting the tremendous need for lawyers at Dilley and the secondary trauma that students faced. After her talk, each member of the board personally pledged \$1,000 to fund a January 2019 trip.

"The students who go to Dilley are a remarkable group of people," says Professor Felice Batlan, who served as faculty adviser for the trip. "Not only do they put their heart and energy into the trip, they bring a tremendous amount of substantive knowledge about asylum law."

Chicago-Kent then created the Dilley Practicum, a two-credit course for 12 students. With more students wanting to participate than there were slots available, the ILS, under then-President Joanna Martin '19, were diligent in selecting the students to participate in the class and the trip to Texas.

"We gave priority to students who attended the trip the first year because this would make us a more efficient and effective group and therefore we would be able to work with more women and children. This left us with only five slots," explains Martin. "For those slots we considered Spanish-speaking ability, passion for this work, and past experiences."

Meanwhile, immigration practice and rules were quickly changing. By the time the group left for Texas, the Trump administration had slowed the number of migrants being allowed to cross into the United States from Mexico to request asylum.

Upon arrival, the student team—supervised by Samantha Lloyd '13, an associate at Ogletree Deakins in Denver—found a smaller but still substantial number of detainees. Meeting with more than 200 clients over six days, the students were able to spend more time with each client.

"The biggest difference this time around was the number of interviews we were able to attend. This is important because we were able to give the women courage but also provide witness to their testimony and request alternate lines of questioning from the asylum officers if they miss a key part of the woman's story," explains Lloyd.

"Although we cannot be absolutely sure of the numbers, it appears that hearing officers found for our students' clients 100 percent of the time," says Batlan.

Batlan and the ILS are starting to prepare for the 2020 trip. If you'd like to help, please contact her at fbatlan@kentlaw.iit.edu.

Introducing Dean Anita K. Krug



Anita K. Krug, the first woman to be named permanent dean at Chicago-Kent College of Law, sees coming to Chicago as an opportunity not only to return to her Midwestern roots but also to lead a law school that she strongly believes in.

“From my vantage point the school really is undervalued given the fundamentals—faculty, staff, students, the programs—and it should be ranked much higher than it presently is,” she says.

Krug sees five major strengths that set Chicago-Kent apart: an inclusive and passionate student body and alumni community, a dedicated and talented staff, a well-established tradition of strength in teaching and experiential education, the faculty’s powerhouse status in influential research and scholarship, and a deep commitment to advancing and empowering the outside community—locally and worldwide.

An accomplished securities law scholar, Krug honed her leadership skills at the University of Washington, where she served as interim dean of the law school from 2017 to 2018 and as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs for the university’s Bothell campus from 2018 to 2019.

She knew early on that she wanted to be an academic—eventually. Born and raised in Russell, Kansas, population 4,500, she left home after high school to study political science at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. After a year abroad as a Fulbright scholar at the University of Cologne in Germany, she enrolled

in Harvard University and concurrently earned her M.A./Ph.D. in political science and her J.D. at Harvard Law School.

During law school, Erika George, now the director of the Tanner Humanities Center at the University of Utah and the Samuel D. Thurman Professor of Law at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, shared a house for a year with Krug and another friend, Tania Tetlow, now the president of Loyola University New Orleans.

George recalls that Krug “was easily the most studious woman in the house and also very generous and considerate. I have never heard Anita utter an unkind or unfair word about anyone. As a house, we often hosted friends for dinners and parties. Between us, we brought together a cross section of friends and welcomed a range of people into our home to share ideas and discuss issues of the day.”

Eager to get practical experience as an initial career step, Krug accepted an offer from Foley Hoag in Boston after finishing her Ph.D. in 2000. Two years later, she moved to San Francisco, where she began a new position as an associate at Howard Rice Nemerovski Canady Falk & Rabkin PC (now Arnold & Porter LLP) and was named an equity partner in 2007. During her time as an attorney, she developed her expertise in securities regulation, advising investment management firms.

“I didn’t think I would be at the firm more than three or four years,” she explains. “But it turns out I loved what I was doing and stayed there longer than I’d intended.”

By 2009, however, she was ready to return to academia. Kellye Testy, who had been recently installed as dean of the University of Washington School of Law, hired her in 2010 as an assistant professor—the first faculty hire of Testy’s tenure as dean.

“What stood out was the combination of academic preparation—both J.D. and Ph.D.—and law practice experience at the partner level,” explains Testy, who is now president and CEO of the Law School Admission Council. “We thought that situated her well to be a productive teacher and scholar in her field of corporate and securities law, and we were right! She became one of our most successful colleagues.”

Bringing her practice experience into the classroom, Krug taught Business Organizations, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Securities Regulation. As she became more experienced as a professor, she began to trust her instincts and let the class discussion flow.

“That’s where I think the magic in teaching really happens—when everyone is engaged,” she says.

Jason E. Parfet, who took the courses Mergers and Acquisitions and Securities Regulation with Krug, recalls how she required students to turn in ungraded weekly memoranda and then tailored her lectures to fit her students’ needs. He says she was instrumental in building a team to compete in a national transactional law competition designed for students who wanted to sharpen their negotiation and contract drafting skills.

“I personally competed in the competition and gained valuable experience,” says Parfet, now an associate at Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC in Seattle. “Dean Krug’s mentorship has really helped me in my own career;

I can say with certainty that I would not be where I am without her support and guidance over the years.”

Former student Jason Kirk, now an associate at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Seattle, remembers Krug’s contagious drive for learning and success. “She set clear and high standards and challenged us to grasp applicable substantive law, public policy, and legal theory in a manner that enabled us to evaluate fact patterns and legal arguments thoughtfully and creatively,” he says.

During law school, Nico Quintana, a public defender for the King County Department of Public Defense, worked with Krug on steps the law school could take to increase access and reduce barriers for transgender students to attend and thrive at the school.

“As a transgender Latinx law student, I was in my third year of advocating for trans equity, racial justice, and economic justice issues at the law school with other amazing students, staff, and faculty,” says Quintana. “I enjoyed working with Dean Krug very much because of her ability to listen, support, and act.”

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“She is so generous in mentoring students and has both the capacity and the commitment to help them,” adds Testy. “Because of her deep experiences in law, she really knows how to advise students and has many contacts that benefit them.”

Krug rose quickly through the faculty—being named an associate professor (with tenure) and associate dean for research and faculty development in 2014 and then a full professor in 2016. When Testy left the University of Washington in 2017 to join LSAC, Gerald J. Baldasty, who was then provost and executive vice president of the University of Washington, selected Krug as interim dean.

Before naming her to the role, Baldasty consulted widely with internal and external stakeholders—faculty, students, alumni, staff, and members of the legal community.

“The support for Anita Krug for interim dean was very strong,” he notes. “What I found through my broad consultation: She was (and is) highly respected for her scholarship and teaching, her commitment to students, and her pragmatic approach to issues and problems. She was known, and respected, as someone who could be a transparent and collegial leader.”

Krug took quickly to her new role as dean. She prioritized ensuring the school’s financial stability, enhancing student success, deepening engagements with alumni and other constituencies, fundraising and outreach, and advancing and valuing diversity.

“I really enjoyed going outside the law school meeting alums, people in the community, and others who are interested in the sorts of programs and initiatives the law school was doing,” recalls Krug.

Her time as interim dean taught her the importance of shared governance and transparency and how to manage conflict.

“The key is to make sure that everyone is listened to, their voices are heard, and their concerns are known, and that we think and deliberate about that and are open about what’s going on in the process,” she says.

Now at the helm at Chicago-Kent, she sees four major priorities for the law school—fostering student success, maintaining financial well-being, recruiting and retaining strong and diverse faculty and staff, and strengthening the law school’s reputation.

“From our very first meeting with Dean Krug, the Dean Search Committee was impressed by her

sharp intelligence, her understanding of the challenges facing law schools, her charisma, and her passion for legal education,” says Professor Christopher Schmidt, who chaired the search committee. “During her visit to campus, she similarly impressed the members of the Chicago-Kent

community. In the end, she made our choice an easy one. We’re incredibly fortunate to have Anita Krug as our new dean.”

As technology disrupts the practice of law, Krug wants to make sure that Chicago-Kent remains a leader in preparing students for the new legal marketplace in which services are broken down into components and sourced in the most efficient way possible—whether through automation, individual consultation, international outsourcing, or other means.

“Lawyers of the future, and I believe right now, need to be skilled in understanding and managing this new paradigm,” she says. “Chicago-Kent is already ahead of so many law schools in emphasizing the core competencies in emerging technologies that are changing the delivery of legal services, making it more efficient.”

In addition to strengthening Chicago-Kent’s legal technology programs, Krug says she wants “to speak very early on with the deans at the other IIT schools to look for possible collaborative opportunities that a tech institute is uniquely situated to provide.”

With the new school year underway, Krug is excited to bring her skills to Chicago-Kent and to return to the Midwest. Krug, her husband, James Carroll, and their English bulldog, Annabelle, arrived in Chicago in early July.

“I felt like I’d done my West Coast tour, and it was time to move back,” she says.

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Investing in Success

This past year, alumni and friends of Chicago-Kent College of Law broke college fundraising records by donating more than \$14 million to the school, more than \$6.5 million of which will go to scholarships. In this issue, *Chicago-Kent Magazine* pays tribute to the many alumni and friends who have supported the next generation of attorneys through scholarships, and the students and alumni who have benefited from their generosity.



Robert Abbott Scholarship

Lester McKeever '71

Henderson Banks '15



Henderson Banks '15, recipient of the Robert Abbott Scholarship

Law school was the turning point for Lester McKeever '71, who has enjoyed a distinguished career—mostly outside of the legal profession. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1955 with a degree in accounting and looked for a job with the big firms.

"I was told they would love to hire me," he says, "but their clients just wouldn't accept me."

He took a position with Mary T. Washington, the first female African-American CPA in the United States, but his career wasn't working out as he'd hoped, so he decided to attend law school in the evenings. He didn't experience the "blatant blockage" getting into Chicago-Kent College of Law that he faced within the accounting industry, although there were very few black students in that era.

"There were three I became close to," he recalls. "Two of them became judges."

When McKeever graduated, he stayed with the accounting firm, which eventually became known as Washington, Pittman & McKeever, and also taught accounting and tax law at Chicago-Kent for a while. And his career took off. He served on the finance committee for Chicago mayors Harold Washington and Richard M. Daley. In 1997 he became the chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

And he started thinking about ways to give back.

"I had been fairly well blessed," he says, "and I really attributed much of that to Chicago-Kent. I thought the legal education was the best education one could have—because it covered life. Knowing how difficult, financial and otherwise, it was for



Lester McKeever '71

African Americans in higher education, I thought if we could find some way to give financial support, that's what we should do."

He made the initial contribution to what would later become known as the Robert Abbott Scholarship fund. The Washington, Pittman & McKeever offices were located in the *Chicago Defender* building—the newspaper founded by Abbott, who was instrumental in The Great Migration. The paper encouraged African Americans to come north to find a better life. "I later found out Robert Abbott graduated from Chicago-Kent," McKeever says.

The scope of the fund has broadened and now aids all minority students. But McKeever has a special place in his heart for African-American recipients.

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One of those recipients is Henderson Banks '15, whose mother encouraged her son by giving him a biography of Johnnie Cochran to read.

"There were a lot of things I could relate to," Banks recalls. "He talked about the role religion and church played in becoming a good attorney—speaking and building relationships."

He became interested in labor and employment law after taking an online course. "I was intrigued by stories of the labor movement and how people came together in solidarity to combat issues they were having with their employers," Banks says.

He thought about going for a master's degree in labor and industrial relations but couldn't let go of his law degree dream. He transferred from John Marshall Law School in his second year, lured by Chicago-Kent's certificate program in Labor and Employment Law.

"They helped me get scholarships and other benefits—one of which was the hands-on externship," Banks says.

Going in, he related more to the employee side, like fighting injustices. But the Abbott Scholarship freed him enough to take on a second externship, which changed his career trajectory. His mentor, Chicago-Kent Assistant Dean Marsha Ross-Jackson, encouraged him to try the management side, working for the U.S. Postal Service.

"You can help fight for employees as a plaintiff's lawyer," Banks says, "but on the management side, you're actually at the table making decisions, helping to influence what an employer might do."

Since graduating, he worked in employee relations for Amazon and then Walgreens before starting his own firm, Henderson Banks Law, two years ago. There, he's carving a niche representing resident physicians after winning a recent employment case for over a half-million dollars.

Scholarships free up mental capacity, Banks says. Financial aid relieves a law student of looking for work-study or part-time jobs. It increases options, like getting additional career experience or taking extra classes, both of which Banks did, allowing him to finish a semester early, which saved more money.

"I look forward to sponsoring a scholarship in the future," he says. "I think it's really important to pay it forward. So many people helped me out along the way. Had they not, I wouldn't be where I am today."

International Student LL.M. Scholarship

Santi Piyatat LL.M. '08

Hasitha Attineni LL.M. '19



Hasitha Attineni '19, recipient of the International Student LL.M. Scholarship

Santi Piyatat LL.M. '08 is the founder, senior counsel, and managing director of Asia Inter Law Co. Ltd. in Bangkok. His practice frequently takes him to New York, Great Britain, and the Middle East. But he found his way to law by working for nine years as a police officer.

"I saw and experienced how difficult it was for ordinary people to have access to justice," he says. "I realized that by studying law, I would be able to help more people gain access. The gap between rich and poor is the key factor that inspired me to become a lawyer."

After graduating from law school and completing an LL.M. in Thailand, Piyatat decided that he needed to take one more step.

"I thought, 'The U.S. is my dream and the answer to my goals,'" he says. He chose Chicago-Kent College of Law for its prestige and name recognition.

Piyatat did not have financial aid at Chicago-Kent, he recalls, "but a friend of mine did have a scholarship and without that

assistance, he would not have been able to go on with his studies, finish his degree, and become a good lawyer. I realized at that time the importance of donations."

For the past four years he has provided scholarships at his firm, allowing two employees to study law in the United States. A year ago he established his first scholarship through Chicago-Kent.

"To me, it means giving back," Piyatat says. "By achieving career success, and honoring my education at Chicago-Kent, I hope to inspire the next generation of alumni to show their support when their economic success is achieved. That's my idea."

The first recipient of his scholarship was Hasitha Attineni LL.M. '19, who, while growing up in India, was fascinated by justice.

"Law is something that touches every aspect of life," she says, "and it's superior, no matter who you are. Every person needs to comply with it."

She also became interested in economics.

"Since childhood, my father always kept giving his insights from the newspaper about politics, business, and finance,



which potentially helped me to grasp the connection between economics and people,” Attineni says.

After getting her degree in business administration and business law, Attineni saw that corporate law crossed international borders, so she decided to do her LL.M. in the U.S. Chicago-Kent was flexible about the courses she could take, but the scholarship was the deciding factor.

“Getting the scholarship was a great honor to me,” Attineni says. “It has not only made my life more comfortable but also made me believe that hard work pays off. It had given me so much confidence and has reminded me that I am skillful enough each time I was nervous. It has a significant impact on me and has shaped me as a person to give back to society.”

Chicago-Kent offers a four-week introduction class to the U.S. legal system. Clinical Professor Jonathan Decatorsmith, who teaches the class and also worked with Attineni in the Tax Clinic, became a mentor.

“He said, ‘I know you will feel overwhelmed, but don’t think about dropping out.’ He gave me a lot of encouragement,” Attineni says.

She earned her LL.M. in U.S. International, and Transnational Law. There was not much time for extracurriculars, but the scholarship allowed Attineni to focus on classes—though she did join Illinois Institute of Technology’s Indian Student Association, which enlarged her social circle.

Attineni met Piyatat when he returned to Chicago-Kent in 2018 to receive an Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. He was warm and encouraging, she recalled, and made her see that she had already accomplished something big. “He said, ‘You

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— Hasitha Attineni '19

came here and that’s the most important thing you’ve ever done.’ That made a lot of sense to me,” Attineni says.

It convinced her that she could adjust to new surroundings. Well, maybe not the weather, but she has come to love Chicago in spite of it and is looking for a corporate in-house counsel position in Chicago or Boston.

The best thing, she says, is feeling more independent. Attineni’s parents, both of whom are attorneys in India, questioned her move here but changed their minds when she got the scholarship.

For Piyatat, such giving fits his sense of mission. He has started a nonprofit called the Santi Foundation to address the gap between the rich and the poor by improving access to justice and to education.

“When I was young,” he recalls, “my grandfather told me education is like a tree. The better and deeper the roots reach, the greater the chance the tree will survive and become fruitful. I wish to see a better society. I believe financial independence plays a major role.”

Fanny Fadel Scholarship

Tarek Fadel '03

Touline Elshafei '20



Tarek Fadel '03

Touline Elshafei, a third-year student, couldn't help but be inspired by her mother, Taghrid, when she started thinking about law school. It figured prominently in her personal statement when she applied to Chicago-Kent College of Law. Her mother attended law school in Syria, but when she became pregnant with her first child, she dropped out. When Elshafei, the youngest of four, turned 1, the family emigrated from Syria to Michigan. "After four children, she realized it wasn't going to be her time," Elshafei says, "and, when we moved here, there was a language barrier."

Her mom didn't push her toward law school, but she did push the four kids to attend college. "It was always, 'Be better, do better,'" Elshafei recalls. "She knew I had an interest in law but let me figure it out on my own. She's very excited that I was able to do it."

It made a good story for her personal statement—and mirrors Tarek Fadel's story about his own mother. Fadel '03 was born in Beirut in 1975, "in the middle of the civil war, which started that year and lasted 20 years." His mother, Fanny, had attended law school—the only woman in her class—and graduated at

the top of her class. But women weren't allowed admission to the bar. She couldn't even find a job as a secretary.

When her son was born, Fanny knew they needed to leave the country. Her brother had just taken a job at the Art Institute of Chicago, so they came to the city.

As an only child, expectations were high, Fadel says. "I grew up in a family where you could be an engineer, a doctor, or a lawyer. I'm a lawyer and a technologist, and I'm fascinated by medicine, and I've got the mind of an engineer because I love to deconstruct everything." Like mother, like son it turns out. Fanny also wanted to be an engineer, but that was even more unlikely than being a lawyer.

"That's the mind she's got, and I inherited it from her. She's really an amazing woman," Fadel says.

And like his mother, he ended up in law school. "Chicago-Kent was a technology-leaning school," he says. It also had "a warm and welcoming feeling." He loved the school even though he says he didn't enjoy the study of law and became less inspired by the thought of practicing law.



Toulaine Elshafei '20, recipient of the Fanny Fadel Scholarship

When he realized that concentrating entirely on his studies wasn't helping, "I decided to get involved in student government." He became treasurer, then president of the Student Bar Association, and found friends for life among both the students and faculty.

"I've never been satisfied with being run-of-the-mill, and if I wasn't going to be an exceptional student, I wanted to be exceptional at something," Fadel says.

When he was studying for the bar exam in 2003, he decided to develop his own bar prep program: "I thought, 'OK, if I'm going to do this, I should be a customer too, right?'" When he passed, he turned his program, AdaptiBar, the first such program online, into AdaptiGroup LLC, which has students in 65 countries and all 50 states. It was so successful that Fadel found himself in a position to create a scholarship at Chicago-Kent.

"What really planted the seed was my mom's 75th birthday," he says. She doesn't like gifts, "but this one brought her to tears. She was over the moon, which was so welcome because I could never pay her back."

In order to preserve tax deductibility, scholarship donors at Chicago-Kent have no involvement in choosing the recipients of their largesse. "But whatever resembled the story of my mom would, of course, resonate," he says. "I had nothing to do with picking Toulaine, but they hit it spot on."

When he heard about the uncanny parallels between Elshafei and her mom, he was pleased, but "I was more thrilled when I met her because she's this great person. I could not have asked for a better recipient. She volunteers all the time. She gives back to the school."

Elshafei's first child was born in August, which has made her final year more complicated, so the scholarship helps.

Without it, Elshafei says, "I don't know if I would have been able to attend law school. It encouraged me to pursue a dream that might have been lost." It also freed her up to pursue opportunities such as a judicial externship last semester with Judge Terrence J. Lavin of the Illinois Appellate Court. Lavin graduated from Chicago-Kent in 1983.

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— Toulaine Elshafei '20

After meeting Fanny last year, Elshafei describes the scholarship connection as "sort of angelic. I didn't even realize we had similar upbringings with our mothers. I thought, 'Wow, what are the odds?'"

Grace and Roy Hansen Scholarship

David Hansen '84

Daniel Broaddus '18



Daniel Broaddus '18, recipient of the Grace and Roy Hansen Scholarship

David Hansen '84 and Daniel Broaddus '18 are a generation apart but have plenty in common.

Hansen has an engineering degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and worked as an engineer before entering law school.

"I attended Chicago-Kent because it is an excellent school and they offered me a partial scholarship, which was very important since I did not have much money, and its downtown Chicago location provides significant opportunities to work with law firms, and extern with courts and other government entities," Hansen says.

He did just that, working part-time for the intellectual property firm now known as Brinks, Gilson & Lione and doing an externship with Judge Stanley Roszkowski of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He also clerked for Roszkowski following graduation.

After his clerkship, Hansen joined the newly opened Chicago office of the international law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; spent the early 1990s in Skadden's New York office; and then helped open the firm's Palo Alto, California, office in 1998. Since 2004 he has taught Law for Computer Science Professionals at Stanford University.

Broaddus has a Ph.D. in applied physics from Cornell University, but he didn't want to stay in academia. He worked as a patent agent for just under two years and decided to stay in that field, so he started looking into law school.

He worked as a science advisor at Brinks full-time and enrolled in Chicago-Kent College of Law's evening division. He was accepted into the Honors Scholar Program, which comes with a full-tuition scholarship.

"I took many IP classes and really got to pursue the topics I was most interested in," Broaddus says. "A big part of that



David Hansen '84

flexibility was because I had the scholarship, so there was less pressure to make sure that I maximized my résumé. I knew I wasn't going to be in a desperate financial position after law school, so I could do things that sent me along my particular interests." The financial aid package, which included the Grace and Roy Hansen Scholarship, also relieved the pressure of having to take out loans.

"The IP program at Chicago-Kent is excellent," Broadus says, "one of the best in the country. IP is a field that has seen a lot of growth recently. It has existed in various forms for a long time, but in the 1990s and 2000s it grew relative to where it had been, and certainly in prominence."

Hansen witnessed and fully participated in that growth.

"The Federal Circuit, the 'patent' appeals court," he recalls, "was created in 1982, right before I graduated in '84, and it significantly changed patent law and the importance of patents, in both the litigation and corporate transactions contexts. Things really took off after the Federal Circuit's *State Street Bank* decision in 1998, which provided for software and business method patents and began the era of patent 'trolls.' The explosive impact of *State Street Bank* and the landmark Supreme Court patent decisions and legislation that followed are still being hotly debated and litigated today."

"The emergence of the internet and digital media, passage of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, and software copyright issues substantially broadened the scope and importance of copyright legal issues to today's business practices," Hansen adds. "It was a terrific time to be an IP lawyer, and I was fortunate to participate in a wide range of lawsuits and corporate deals involving important and often cutting-edge IP issues."

But, Hansen says, "all roads lead back to Chicago-Kent. Any success I have had as a lawyer stems from my Chicago-Kent education, and I'm happy I have been able to give something back to the school and help other students who, like me, need financial assistance."

"I'm fortunate to have excellent parents who always supported me. They're very proud that I became a lawyer, and the Chicago-Kent scholarship seemed a fitting way to say thank you."

— David Hansen '84

He named the scholarship for his parents, Grace and Roy Hansen, because "I'm fortunate to have excellent parents who always supported me," he says. "They're very proud that I became a lawyer, and the Chicago-Kent scholarship seemed a fitting way to say thank you."

For Broadus, in addition to relieving financial stress, the scholarship allowed him to consider other career path options. He ultimately decided to stay with Brinks Gilson & Lione, but he valued that decision more because he was able to consider other options.

"In the end, staying at Brinks was the right decision for me," he says, "The scholarship allowed me to decide that Brinks is the right place for me. That was a huge benefit."

Broadus says scholarships are important because they encourage legal career diversity. If everyone comes out of law school burdened by student debt, they may not enter fields where they can help clients who can't afford high-priced legal services, he says.

"It also attracts an intellectually diverse group of students," Broadus says. "I think it enriches the student body at Chicago-Kent to have that diversity."

Yonover Fellowship

Geri Yonover '83 and Ron Yonover
Yosef Klein '12



Yosef Klein '12, recipient of the Yonover Fellowship

Before Geri Yonover '83 entered Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1980, she sat down with her husband, Ron, and her two sons, John, then 16, and Jeff, then 14. She had Ron's full support to attend law school but wanted to make sure the boys were on board. "Fine with us, Mom," they said, "but you have to get two things: a VCR and a microwave."

In exchange for a mom who went to law school, her sons received the VCR and microwave.

As a 39-year-old "returning student," she was a relative rarity, but found Chicago-Kent "very welcoming. It was a wonderful three years. I regretted it not one instant."

She chose Chicago-Kent because of its reputation. "Dean Lew Collens had taken the school to another level," she says. "It was thought of highly."

After graduating, she clerked for Judge Hubert Will of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, then worked at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal until

she learned about an opening on the faculty at Valparaiso University Law School in Indiana. She spent the next 18 years there, teaching a variety of courses, including Torts, Conflict of Laws, Intellectual Property, and the occasional seminar on art law.

She modeled her teaching methods on Chicago-Kent professors she respected, such as Joan Steinman and the late Margaret Stewart. "What I did at Valpo was really an amalgam of what I thought was the best of the best at Chicago-Kent," Yonover says. "I'd always been attracted to academia, and they seemed to enjoy their roles so much and do it so well."

After retiring, she came back to Chicago-Kent as an adjunct faculty member to teach Conflict of Laws, but she and Ron found other ways to give back.

"We donate to moot court and law review," she notes. "I was managing editor of the law review and part of the Moot Court Society. Those are annual gifts." They also established scholarships in the Midwest and Florida, where they now live part of the year. Ron runs a sugar business started by his father, and now their son and grandson work there as well.



Geri Yonover '83 and Ron Yonover

Because she was financially comfortable, Yonover didn't need financial aid at Chicago-Kent, but she knew that wasn't the case for all law students with children—so she and Ron set up an endowed fellowship.

"I wanted to help those students go to law school," she says. "It wasn't a huge amount, but it might make a difference."

It made a difference to Yosef Klein '12, whose first son was born three weeks early at the beginning of his first semester at Chicago-Kent.

"She went over my résumé and made suggestions. Her interest and compassion stretched beyond the lecture halls and into my career."

— Yosef Klein '12

"It certainly had an impact," he recalls. In addition to the typical expenses of parenthood, the rigors of being a new parent took a toll on Klein's grades, which affected his scholarship.

The Yonover Fellowship, which he received in his second year, was much appreciated.

"More than the dollars," Klein notes, the scholarship "said, 'We want to recognize the extra difficulties that parents in law school are going through.' There is no Parents-with-Kids Bar Association."

But there is a Jewish bar association at Chicago-Kent, the Decalogue Society, for which Klein served as president. He also served on the Student Bar Association and worked in the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic—now the Tax Clinic—while focusing his studies on trial advocacy and pre-trial litigation courses.

Yonover and Klein met for lunch in 2011, and she reached out when Klein's second son was born several weeks before he completed his coursework. "We talked about my law school career and my future plans," he recalls. "She went over my résumé and made suggestions. Her interest and compassion stretched beyond the lecture halls and into my career."

Klein started his own general litigation practice, Klein Firm PLLC, in a Detroit suburb just over a year ago. He focuses on insurance law, and his only marketing involved posting more than 100 insurance "law lessons" on LinkedIn (now collected on his website), which form the basis of a soon-to-be published book.

Yonover describes Klein as "just the kind of person we would hope to help."

With four sons now, Klein still grapples with the family-career balance. Instead of working late into the evenings, he heads home until the kids go to bed, then returns to his office.

"You have to show them they're the most important," he says, "notwithstanding whatever you may be doing at school or at work."



Professor Andrews Named a Nayar Prize II Finalist

University Distinguished Professor Lori Andrews and her collaborators—Illinois Institute of Technology professors Miles Wernick and Yongyi Yang—were selected as the Nayar

Prize II finalists for their Data-Driven Crime Prevention Program. As one of two teams selected for the second round of Nayar Prize II, the group received an additional \$100,000 to continue its work with the Elgin Police Department to build an algorithm that identifies those most at risk of becoming victims or perpetrators of crime. The city can use that data to identify those in need of social services or other help. The Nayar Prize is designed to encourage and challenge the Illinois Tech community to develop breakthrough projects that will, within three years, produce meaningful results with a societal impact.

Professor Birdthistle Receives Teaching Award from the University of Chicago Law School



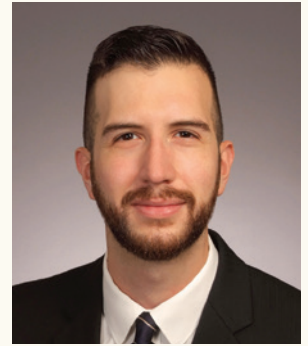
Professor William Birdthistle was honored with the 2019 Teaching Award from the University of Chicago Law School in May, marking the first time the law school's graduating class has given the award to someone not on the University of Chicago's

permanent faculty. In addition to his faculty appointment at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Birdthistle is a lecturer in law at the University of Chicago Law School and has taught the Securities Regulation course there for the past three years. At Chicago-Kent he teaches Business Organizations, Securities Regulation, and Investment Funds. In 2010 Birdthistle won the Chicago-Kent College of Law Excellence in Teaching Award.

Associate Professor Boni-Saenz Honored for Teaching Skills

Associate Professor Alexander Boni-Saenz was awarded Chicago-Kent's 2019 Excellence in Teaching Award. In nominating him for the award, then-Dean Harold Krent wrote that Boni-Saenz engages "students to become collaborators at all levels of instruction."

Keisha McClellan '19 wrote in support of the nomination that Boni-Saenz is "committed to his students" and "passionate about inspiring others to use careers in law for the good of society." A member of the Chicago-Kent faculty since 2013, Boni-Saenz teaches Property, Estates and Trusts, Elder Law, and Latinx and the Law. His scholarship focuses on legal issues in aging and inheritance. He was granted tenure in spring 2019.



Professor Emeritus Evelyn Brody Honored for Nonprofit Leadership



Professor Emeritus Evelyn Brody accepted the 2018 Distinguished Achievement and Leadership in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research Award from

the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action during the organization's 47th annual conference in Austin, Texas. At the conference, two panels discussed Brody's ideas and scholarship, including one panel titled "The Lasting Impact of Nonprofit Law Icon: Professor Evelyn Brody." A prolific author and speaker, Brody served as the reporter for the American Law Institute's Project on Principles of the Law of Nonprofit Organizations until 2013. She recently retired after 27 years at Chicago-Kent.

Professor Krent Named *Chicago Lawyer's* 2018 Person of the Year

Professor Harold Krent, who stepped down in July after 17-plus years as dean of Chicago-Kent, was named the 2018 Person of the Year by *Chicago Lawyer* magazine.



The editors commended Krent for “adapting the curriculum and program to keep up with the legal profession’s ever-changing future” and for working to “continually provide students with beneficial legal training, especially through pro bono efforts.” In May the Chicago Legal Clinic honored Krent with its 2019 “Be a Light” Social Justice Innovation Award for his contributions to its services community and for Chicago-Kent’s ongoing partnership with its Environmental Law Project.

Associate Professor Piatt Joins Center for IP Understanding Board



Associate Professor Mickie Piatt has been selected to join the board of directors for the Center for Intellectual Property Understanding. Founded in 2016, CIPU is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness of intellectual property rights and how

they impact people’s lives. CIPU conducts research, facilitates events, and educates consumers, lawmakers, educators, business owners, IP holders, and the public on the benefits of IP rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and trade secrets. Chicago-Kent hosted CIPU’s 2017 IP Awareness Summit, which addressed the role of the public’s understanding of intellectual property in innovation, ideas, and value creation.



Professor Rosado Marzán Offers Latin American Perspective on U.S. Labor Law

Professor César F. Rosado Marzán co-wrote *Principled Labor Law: U.S. Labor Law Through a Latin American Method*

with Professor Sergio Gamonal C. of the Adolfo Ibáñez University of Chile. Published by Oxford University Press in May 2019, the book examines United States labor law by using four labor-protective principles found in Latin America and international labor law. The authors argue that the Thirteenth Amendment could be used to protect workers in an unequal relationship with their employers. The Bar Association of Puerto Rico selected the book for the Simón Bolívar best book of the year award. Rosado Marzán was promoted to full professor in spring 2019.

Professor Warner’s New Book Argues for Better Risk Management for Data Breaches

Professor Richard Warner co-authored a new book titled *Why Don’t We Defend Better? Data Breaches, Risk Management, and Public Policy* (CRC Press 2019) with Professor Robert Sloan, head of the computer science department at the University of



Illinois at Chicago. Warner and Sloan combine issues of technology, business, risk management, and legal liability to explain why data breach defense is often ineffective and how to respond to the increasing frequency of data breaches.

Library Director Wenger Joins the International Association of Law Libraries Board



Jean Wenger, director of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Library, has been elected to the board of directors of the International Association of Law Libraries. With more than 400 members in more than 50 countries, IALL is a worldwide organization that promotes the work

of individuals, libraries, and other organizations concerned with the dissemination of legal information. Her term, which runs from 2019 to 2022, begins in November at the IALL’s 38th annual course in Sydney.

A photograph of Dean Harold Krent and his longtime executive assistant Tasha Kincade taking a selfie at a gala event. Dean Krent, a man with a grey beard wearing a dark suit and a green patterned tie, is holding a selfie stick with a smartphone. Tasha Kincade, a woman with dark hair, is smiling and holding a framed photograph of Dean Krent. They are in the foreground, with a large crowd of people seated at tables in the background, all under warm event lighting.

A Tribute to Dean Krent

Dean Harold Krent takes a selfie with his longtime executive assistant Tasha Kincade.

More than 250 members of the Chicago-Kent College of Law community came together on April 12 to celebrate the legacy of outgoing Dean Harold J. Krent at a gala event at The Dalcy in Chicago.

During his 17-plus years leading Chicago-Kent, Krent enrolled more than 6,000 students, hired more than 30 full-time faculty members as well as the directors of its two award-winning advocacy programs, launched 10 centers and institutes, and raised more than \$45 million in philanthropic support for the law school. He doubled the diversity in the student body and launched several initiatives to expose underrepresented high school and college students to legal practice.

At the celebration, alumni, faculty, and friends of the law school donated nearly \$1 million to the Harold J. Krent Tribute Fund, which will be used to create the new Krent Professorship.



Dean Harold Krent (left) and Professor Richard Conviser address the audience.



Arthur Morris '71 (left) and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul '93



(Left to right): Susan Valentine '87, the Honorable Cynthia Cobbs '88, Dean Harold Krent, and Cook County Public Defender Amy Campanelli '87



(Left to right): Victoria Gray '07, Lalanja Gilkey-Johnson '08, and Rachel Moran '08



(Left to right): The Honorable Terrence Lavin '83, Illinois Tech Board of Trustees Chairman Michael P. Galvin '78, Nancy Krent, Dean Harold Krent, and David Schlaifer '88

Senior Partner Council Reception

Nearly 100 members of Chicago-Kent College of Law's Senior Partner Council joined Dean Anita K. Krug at the Ivy Room in July to celebrate the role of philanthropy at the law school. Senior Partner Council members donate \$1,000 or more each during the fiscal year. Last year Senior Partner Council members donated a total of nearly \$2 million.



Dean Anita K. Krug



(Left to right): Professor Felice Batlan, Michael Ilagan '98, and Jason Sposeep '03



(Left to right): Paul Miller '00 and Amy Curran '01



(Left to right): Professor Richard Conviser, Thomas G. Siracusa '86, and Dean Anita K. Krug



Then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent and his wife, Nancy Krent, join student volunteers to celebrate the success of Today for C-K.

Today for C-K

On September 26, 2018, Chicago-Kent College of Law held its fourth annual Today for C-K challenge, raising more than \$485,000 for the law school in 36 hours. Three alumni—Jeffery M. Leving '79, Mary Nicolau '85, and Norm Mindel B.S. '73, '78 as well as the family of former Illinois Governor Richard B. Ogilvie '49—offered up challenge gifts, and 388 alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends responded with their own support for Chicago-Kent.

Watch your email and social media for plans for the next Today for C-K challenge.

Consider Including Chicago-Kent in Your Estate Plans

Join the Gunsaulus Society

The J.D. that David Schlaifer '88 earned at Chicago-Kent College of Law not only prepared him for a future career in law, but it also supported his impressive career in business. Schlaifer is the founder, president, and CEO of DAS Health, a health care technology and services firm that has become a trusted advisor to more than 1,500 clinicians and health systems, providing care to more than 7 million patients nationwide.

"The education I earned at Chicago-Kent combined with the business knowledge base that I gained while working assisted with the numerous acquisitions I have completed to grow my business," he says.

While Schlaifer lives in Florida, he still feels connected to the law school and wishes to support future law students by making a gift through his will.

"I found it so easy to want to give back to the law school because I've gained so much from my education at Chicago-Kent," Schlaifer explains.

Members of the Gunsaulus Society have expressed their commitment to Illinois Institute of Technology through a special and important form of financial support. These donors have named Chicago-Kent as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift. Such gifts might include a bequest and/or charitable income gifts, such as charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, charitable remainder annuity trusts, gifts from retirement accounts, or gifts of life insurance.

Once you complete your estate plans, please contact the Chicago-Kent alumni office to let us know. We would like to thank you for your generosity by including you in the Gunsaulus Society.

Your membership involves no dues, obligations, or solicitations, but it does allow us to thank you and recognize you for the plans you have made. It may also inspire generosity in others. Benefits of membership in the Gunsaulus Society include annual luncheons, invitations to special events and seminars, and special recognition at university events. The most important benefit you will receive from joining the Gunsaulus Society, however, is the satisfaction derived from making a lasting contribution to Chicago-Kent's long-term prosperity.

For more information, please contact us at alums@kentlaw.iit.edu.



David Schlaifer '88 (right) with Michael P. Galvin '78, chairman of the Illinois Tech Board of Trustees

Chicago-Kent College of Law Names Building for Professor and BARBRI Co-Founder Richard J. Conviser

Illinois Tech's Law School Building to Become the Conviser Law Center

Illinois Institute of Technology has announced the renaming of the law school building to the Conviser Law Center in recognition of Richard J. Conviser's lifelong service to Chicago-Kent College of Law and the legal community. Conviser, whose lifetime donations recently surpassed \$12 million, is a co-founder of BARBRI, the world's largest bar exam preparation course, and is also a longtime professor of law at Chicago-Kent. He is the largest donor to the law school.

"We are grateful to our friend and dear colleague Richard Conviser for his generous gift to the law school," says Chicago-Kent Dean Anita K. Krug. "Over the course of his career, Richard has contributed to the legal industry as a scholar, businessman, and educator who has impacted thousands of students at Chicago-Kent and more than a million through BARBRI. We are honored to publicly acknowledge his long friendship with us by adding his name to our building."

Since its founding, BARBRI has helped nearly 1.5 million lawyers around the world pass a United States bar exam. Conviser was in his mid-20s when he started the small bar exam review as an associate at Baker McKenzie. BARBRI quickly gained widespread success, training the vast majority of law students nationwide to pass the bar exam, and it remains so to this day.

Conviser has attained other milestones in his life. After law school, he was awarded a prestigious Ford Foundation grant that took him to Germany, where he was associated with the Institute for Private International and Comparative Law, one of Europe's top international law institutions. While he was at Baker McKenzie, the governor of Illinois appointed him to establish the state's first foreign operation. He served as deputy European director of this office in Brussels, Belgium.

Conviser received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, where he served on the *Law Review*. He also holds a Dr. Jur. from the University of Cologne in Germany.



"Over the course of my teaching career with BARBRI and the law school, it has always been my mission to set up the next generation of lawyers for success," Conviser says. "Chicago-Kent is a leader in innovation. The school's forward-thinking approach to providing a quality legal education that prepares students to practice law in this rapidly changing legal industry is truly outstanding among its peers. My hope is that this gift will support more creative initiatives that will raise Chicago-Kent's national profile among prospective students and the legal community at-large."

The gift will be used to further develop the reputation of the law school, which is the second-oldest law school in Chicago and recognized nationally for its highly ranked programs and experiential learning opportunities.

"Richard Conviser has been a mentor and friend for more than 40 years," says Michael P. Galvin '78, president of Galvin Enterprises Inc. and chairman of Illinois Tech's Board of Trustees. "His commitment to building Chicago-Kent into a top-tier law school is tremendous, and the impact of his gift will be felt by students for generations to come."

The official unveiling ceremony for the Conviser Law Center is scheduled for April 2020.

"Throughout his tenure at Chicago-Kent College of Law, Professor Conviser has had an incredible impact on the education of every student that has walked through those doors," says Illinois Tech President Alan W. Cramb. "We are proud to recognize his contributions both in and out of the classroom, and we know that his continued support will help to further Chicago-Kent's reputation as an innovator in legal education."

1965

Gerald L. Bepko, Indianapolis, was recognized by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, which will present the Gerald Bepko Faculty Community Engagement Award annually to recognize faculty at an Indiana institution who are exemplars of the scholarship of community engagement. Recipients of the Bepko Award are model faculty members currently engaged in teaching, research, or service commitments that contribute to the greater good of their communities, and further the commission's core principles of being a higher education system that is student-centered, mission-driven, and workforce-aligned.

1966

William V. Johnson, Northfield, Ill., was awarded the Defense Attorney Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2018 Jury Verdict Reporter Trial Lawyer Excellence Awards. Johnson is a shareholder and the chairman of Johnson & Bell Ltd., focusing on injury and mass tort cases.

Ilana D. Rovner, Chicago, received the Decalogue Society's 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award. She serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

1967

Dennis L. Blewitt, Boulder, Colo., appeared on the television series *Pawn Stars* with a notebook that his longtime acquaintance, Hunter S. Thompson, used as the basis of his book *Songs of the Doomed*. The notebook shows his thoughts during the formulation and writing of the book in his handwriting, his secretary's handwriting, and his doodles.

1971

Lester H. McKee Jr., Chicago, was awarded the 2018 American Institute of CPAs Gold Medal Award of Distinction. The Gold Medal is the highest honor granted by the AICPA, bestowed upon CPAs whose influence on the accounting profession has been especially notable.

1972

Barry A. Goldstein-Zavah, Alpine, Texas, is enjoying retired life in Alpine with summer/autumn recreation vehicle trips back to Buffalo, N.Y., each year.

1973

J. Daniel Azulay, Boynton Beach, Fla., retired his law license and moved to South Florida.

Ernest R. Blomquist, Arlington Heights, Ill., received the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law Alumni Professional Achievement Award.

Thomas A. Demetrio, Chicago, has been ranked as the top lawyer in Illinois for 2019 by *Super Lawyers* for the third consecutive year. A founding partner of Corboy & Demetrio, Demetrio is a nationally renowned trial lawyer with an emphasis on medical negligence, airplane crash, product liability, and commercial litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. He continues to serve as the co-chair of Chicago-Kent College of Law's Board of Advisors.

Bruno W. Tabis Jr., Aurora, Ill., joined Huck Bouma PC. Tabis serves as general counsel for closely held businesses, concentrating on the formation and maintenance of corporations and LLCs. He also focuses his practice on commercial real estate and finance.

Janice Zarro, Sarasota, Fla., was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canandaigua National Trust Company of Florida. Zarro teamed with her millennial great-niece on a project titled "Stilettos and Sneakers: An Inter-Generational Conversation," which addresses women and failure.

1974

Saul L. Langsam, Elkins Park, Pa., is a founding member of Silvers, Langsam & Weitzman, PC, known throughout the greater Philadelphia area as "My Philly Lawyer."

1975

John E. Fennelly, Stuart, Fla., transitioned to senior status on Florida's Court of Appeals for the Fourth District. He passed away in May 2019.

Michael E. Jackson, Shaker Heights, Ohio, was appointed by the Ohio State Bar Association to serve as chair of its Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee. He was elected to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in 2012, and he previously served as a United States Marines combat officer during the Vietnam War.

Chicago-Kent in Florida

Bruce Kohen '79 and his wife, Sherri Kohen, hosted a group of Chicago-Kent College of Law alumni at their home in Naples, Florida.





(Left to right): E. Garnet Fay '68, William Greene '68, Theodore Novak '67, James Pope '82, Merrill Hoyt '68, Paul Skryd '81, Jack Rodgon '68, Gerald Smoller '68, Alan Kawitt '65, the late Professor Emeritus Ralph Brill, Edward Villadonga '67. Seated: Krent, Thomas Skryd '62, RD Slayton '64, Melburn Laundry '64, and Samuel Diamond '68

September Golden Reunion

On September 21, 2018, 17 alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago joined then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent for lunch. Alumni were presented with commemorative diplomas and medallions recognizing the celebration.

Francis P. Murphy, Chicago, was named one of the 2018 Irish Legal 100 attorneys. A partner at Corboy & Demetrio, Murphy focuses his practice on personal injury cases.

1977

Steven E. Rissman, Buffalo Grove, Ill., retired from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and is focused on traveling. This year, he enjoyed eight cruises with other travels in between.

Joel E. Solomon, Chicago, serves as the chair of The Cradle Foundation Board of Directors in Evanston, Ill. He is executive vice president and corporate secretary at Rothschild Investment Corporation.

1978

Michael P. Galvin, Washington, D.C., began his term as chairman of the Illinois Tech Board of Trustees in October 2018. He delivered the 2019 commencement address for Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Jeffrey T. Sherwin, Northlake, Ill., was inducted into the Triton College Wall of Fame. Sherwin is the mayor of Northlake, Ill.

Gregory B. Sultan, Evanston, Ill., reports that he is currently sailing on the Adriatic Sea. He is enjoying his travels.

1979

Kevin G. Burke, Western Springs, Ill., joined Coplan & Crane after 35 years as a successful attorney in Chicago, where he became known as a highly effective medical malpractice lawyer.

1980

Thomas L. Hogan, Chicago, received the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Chicago's 2018 Catholic Lawyer of the Year award.

E. Beth Jensen, Libertyville, Ill., joined Astellas Pharma U.S. as a project manager.

1981

Samuel H. Levine, Chicago, joined Bryce, Downey & Lenkov LLC as of counsel. Levine's practice covers a broad spectrum of activities in the area of real estate litigation, including construction disputes, mechanics liens and bond claims, commercial mortgage foreclosures, and other proceedings to enforce creditors' rights, real estate title disputes, and bankruptcy matters.

1982

Russel Church, Okemos, Mich., was selected to be the first chief public defender in Ingham County.

Joel L. Chupack, Northbrook, Ill., was sworn in as a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County, and is presently presiding in eviction court.

Mark L. Karno, Chicago, was elected treasurer of the Illinois Bar Foundation. He is the principal attorney at his firm, Mark L. Karno & Associates, where he concentrates on all aspects of civil trial practice and appeals in both state and federal courts.

Patrick F. Lustig, Hickory Hills, Ill., retired after 36 years of civil litigation experience, which included 17 years as an associate judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County and 19 years before that as a trial attorney and partner in a Chicago law firm. Lustig is affiliated with Resolute Systems, LLC to serve as a mediator and arbitrator in significant personal injury and commercial matters.

Margaret E. Lustig, Hickory Hills, Ill., retired from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, where she served as an assistant state's attorney in the Criminal Appeals Division. Prior to working for the state's attorney's office, she was in private practice.

Michael M. Marick, Northbrook, Ill., moved with his insurance coverage litigation and counseling team to Skarzynski Marick & Black LLP, a 45-attorney business law firm co-centered in New York and Chicago. The firm represents the insurance industry in high-exposure commercial insurance disputes. Marick is proud to continue his practice with **Karen Dixon '97** and **Timothy Wright '08**, who also have become partners at Skarzynski Marick & Black LLP.

1983

Carol V. Gilden, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. A partner at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, she is a part of the firm's Securities Litigation and Investor Protection practice group. She has spearheaded some of the most novel securities disputes in the financial markets, resulting in aggregate recoveries in excess of several billion dollars for investors.

Richard M. Karpel, Carson City, Nev., joined the Nevada Press Association as its new executive director. Karpel and his company, Karpel Public Affairs, has taken over management of the association.

Joseph R. Lopez, Chicago, continues to work in private practice with his partner and wife, Lisa Lopez, at Lopez & Lopez. He was named to the National Trial Lawyers 100 Top Trial Lawyers.

Cynde Munzer, Highland Park, Ill., was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. A member in Dykema Gossett PLLC's Chicago office, she represents clients in business and transactional matters.

Nancy E. Paridy, Evanston, Ill., was named among the Top Women Lawyers in Leadership by the Women's Bar Association of Illinois. Paridy is the chief administrative officer and senior vice president at Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, where she serves as general counsel for all legal matters.

Hillary Ross, Highland Park, Ill., is a senior partner and shareholder with executive search firm Witt/Kieffer. As leader of the firm's Information Technology practice, she specializes in the recruitment of chief information officers and chief medical information officers, as well as leaders in security, data science, analytics, biomedical informatics, research informatics, innovation and quality, and personalized medicine. Her clients include health care delivery systems, hospitals, academic medical centers, health care startups, technology vendors, and consulting firms across the country.

John G. Tolomei, Lake Zurich, Ill., joined McCracken & Gillen as of counsel, focusing his practice on patent counsel and other intellectual property issues.

1984

Lawrence S. Perry, New York, joined Venable LLP as a partner. Perry has extensive experience practicing before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including appeals, interferences, reexaminations, reissues, and all phases of patent prosecution in biotechnical, chemical, pharmaceutical, plant genetics, magneto-optical, metallurgical, and mechanical technologies.

1985

James G. O'Brien, Highland Park, Ill., is president of Oak Hill LLC.

1986

Anita M. Alvarez, Chicago, joined Alvarez & Marsal, a global consulting firm, as managing director of the Disputes and Investigations practice.

Scott E. Galbreath, J.D. '86, LL.M. '91, Sacramento, Calif., was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel for his significant contributions to the advancement of the employee benefits field.

Kathleen B. Lang, La Porte, Ind., is on senior status as an Indiana trial judge. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School and has also taught Trial Advocacy at Chicago-Kent College of Law. She recently returned from teaching at the Nicolaus Copernicus Law School

in Toruń, Poland, where she is on the editorial board of the *Comparative Law Review*. In retirement, the former music teacher who became a lawyer plays the French horn in multiple ensembles, directs a choir, plays the bagpipes, and is learning to play her newest instrument, the alphorn.

1987

Scott J. Cipinko, Marietta, Ga., expanded his practice from insurance regulation and corporate work to include more family related and small business formation work. He is of counsel at Dunlap Bennett & Ludwig PLLC.

Lisa A. Jensen, Belvidere, Ill., is a United States magistrate judge for the Northern District of Illinois. She is the first woman to serve as a judicial officer in the court's Western Division.

Timothy J. Cavanagh, Chicago, founding partner of Cavanagh Law Group, has been selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* in the fields of medical malpractice and personal injury law every year since 2015. He has obtained more than 55 verdicts and settlements exceeding \$1 million, including a landmark \$20 million settlement with the City of Chicago in the high-profile "Code of Silence" wrongful death case. Cavanagh recently appeared before the United States Supreme Court with a group of fellow Chicago-Kent College of Law graduates and was sworn in to practice before the highest court in the land.

Hinshaw & Culbertson Reception

Alumni currently and formerly employed at Hinshaw & Culbertson attended an event coordinated by Matthew Walsh II '92.



Andrea Lubelfeld, Evanston, Ill., currently works as an attorney supervisor with the Multiple Defendant Division of the Law Office of the Cook County Public Defender. She taught Juvenile Justice at the DePaul University College of Law as an adjunct faculty member.

Jeffrey Patt, Chicago, received the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law Distinguished Service Award. Patt is a partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP.

Richard R. Winter, St. Charles, Ill., received the 2018 Honorary Fellow Award at the Illinois Bar Foundation's Fellows Breakfast. Winter is partner at Holland & Knight LLP, focusing his practice on shareholder and fiduciary litigation, insurance, intellectual property, and antitrust law.

1988

Kenneth M. Bloom, Deerfield, Ill., was named to the Law Bulletin Publishing Company's Leading Lawyers list for 2019. Bloom is a partner at Latimer LeVay Fyock LLC. A certified public accountant as well as an attorney, Bloom focuses his practice on estate planning and administration, wills, trusts, special needs planning, probate, asset protection, powers of attorney, and business succession planning.

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Orland Park, Ill., was installed as the chair of the Illinois Judicial Council. She received the inaugural Ida Platt Appreciation Award from Chicago-Kent College of Law's Black Law Student Association. She is a justice on the Illinois Appellate Court.

Robert Milan, Chicago, joined Alvarez & Marsal as a managing director in the firm's Disputes and Investigations practice. In this role, Milan leads complex global forensic investigations in the areas of anti-corruption, corporate fraud, and data breach response. As a former assistant United States attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, a former Cook County prosecutor, and an experienced senior executive in the corporate risk management sector, Milan advises clients on investigations, data breach response, data recovery, e-discovery, litigation support, and forensic accounting.

40th Annual Alumni Awards Celebration

On November 14, 2018, members of the Chicago-Kent College of Law community gathered for the 40th annual Alumni Awards Celebration to honor alumni and faculty for their outstanding professional and community service achievements and to raise money for the Chicago-Kent Alumni Board of Directors Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded annually to students who display financial need and academic merit.

Professional Achievement Awards

- Ernest Blomquist '73, Massucci, Blomquist, Anderson & Dunn
- Jodi Caro '89, Ulta Beauty

Distinguished Service Awards

- Jill Webb '96, Law Office of Jill M. Webb, LLC
- Jeffrey Patt '87, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP

Outstanding Young Alumnus/a Awards

- Michael Ko '08, Groundwork Trial Consulting
- Santi Piyatat LLM '08, Asia Inter Law Co. Ltd.

Institutional Partner Award

- Quarles & Brady LLP



Standing (left to right): James Gatzliolis '73, accepting the award on behalf of Quarles & Brady LLP; Jodi Caro '89; Jill Webb '96; and Ernie Blomquist '73. Seated (left to right): Santi Piyatat LLM '08; Jeffrey Patt '87; and Michael Ko '08

1989

Jodi J. Caro, Chicago, received the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law Professional Achievement Award. Caro is the general counsel of Ulta Beauty Inc.

Mark A. Frey, Crystal Lake, Ill., was elected to the Illinois Health and Hospital Association's Board of Trustees. Frey is president and chief executive officer of AMITA Health.

Susan H. Mendelsohn, Chicago, was recognized as one of the nation's most respected and successful legal recruiters and legal industry business consultants. Mendelsohn is the founder and president of Mendelsohn Legal, Inc.

1990

Eileen M. Burke, Chicago, was installed as the third vice president of the Illinois Judges Association. She served in the Law Division of the Cook County Circuit Court until her election to the Illinois Appellate Court in 2016. Prior to that she worked as a Cook County assistant state's attorney for 10 years, and had her own practice focusing on criminal defense until her election to the circuit court in 2008.

Terrence T. Creamer, Chicago, joined Littler Mendelson PC as special counsel. His practice involves traditional labor matters such as collective bargaining, defense of unfair labor practice charges, arbitration

of grievances, administration of collective bargaining agreements, and guiding employers through union representation campaigns.

Leo P. Dombrowski, Chicago, received an award from the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program for the work he has done for military veterans over the past 20 years. A member of the TVC National Volunteer Corps since 1999, he has represented veterans in 10 appellate cases before the United States Court of Appeals for veterans claims, winning them all.

Anne E. Frueh, Oak Park, Ill., joined Tenneco as associate general counsel.

Julie M. Koerner, Northbrook, Ill., was promoted to partner at O'Halloran Kosoff Geitner & Cook LLC. She has been with the firm since 2004. Koerner handles litigation in both federal and state courts, with a primary emphasis in the defense of matters brought against public entities, including Section 1983 police liability and personal injury suits.

Stephen K. Krull, Maumee, Ohio, joined La-Z-Boy Inc. as vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary. Throughout Krull's career, he has been responsible for mergers and acquisitions, compliance, intellectual property, litigation, labor relations, government and public affairs, and security.

Peter D. Tonyan, Davie, Fla., joined Seminole Hard Rock International Group as vice president of tax. He has a background in mergers and acquisitions as well as tax strategy.

1991

James J. Boyne, Steamboat Springs, Colo., joined Weitz Investment Management as president.

Kristen L. Gorenberg, Northbrook, Ill., is on the Northbrook Zoning Board of Appeals, and celebrated 15 years with Ruben & Goldberg LLC. Her daughter **Samantha Ruben '19** is a graduate of Chicago-Kent. Gorenberg and **Philip E. Ruben '83** hooded Samantha Ruben at the 2019 Chicago-Kent College of Law Commencement ceremony.

1992

Cameron Davis, Chicago, made history last year, beating the previous Illinois write-in record set by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the 1944 presidential primary (47,561). When a Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago commissioner passed away, not leaving enough time for petitions to be filed with the required number of signatures, Davis and seven other candidates ran, needing at least 8,075 write-ins to win the primary. Davis won more than six times the write-ins needed (54,183) and went on to win a court challenge to his candidacy last October. He won the November 2018 election and was inaugurated in December.

Jeffrey R. Gargano, Chicago, joined Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP as a partner, focusing his practice on disputes involving intellectual property in United States federal courts and before the International Trade Commission. He has litigated cases involving myriad IP law issues,

including domestic and foreign patents, trademarks, trade secrets, copyrights, false advertising, and unfair competition.

Christopher E. Kentra, Elmhurst, Ill., joined Burke, Warren, MacKay & Serritella PC as a partner. His trial and litigation practice focuses on complex commercial matters, construction, professional liability, and employment law.

Jonathan C. Wright, Hartsburg, Ill., was named a circuit judge in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois. Previously, Wright served as Logan County's state's attorney for six years.

1993

Mark A. Brown, Highland Park, Ill., appeared on CBS 2 News to discuss the sexual abuse scandal in the Boy Scouts of America, including discussion of the case he litigated and settled against the organization in 2018. Additionally, he was recently named an Illinois Super Lawyer in personal injury for the 10th straight year, and received a seven-figure jury verdict in a (no-offer) medical malpractice case in Lake County, Illinois. He was elected executive vice president of the Executive Guild Ltd., a Chicago-area business organization made up of more than 50 area businesses.

Nicholas B. Clifford, St. Louis, joined Tucker Ellis LLP as a partner in the St. Louis office. Clifford joined the Intellectual Property and Brand Protection group, and he handles intellectual property litigation and other commercial litigation matters.

Patrick T. Garvey, Park Ridge, Ill., joined Sinars Slowikowski Tomaska as of counsel. He concentrates his practice in the defense of premises, product, and toxic tort liability matters.

Sheryl J. Halpern, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. She is a principal attorney at Much Shelist PC, where she serves as chair of the firm's Labor and Employment group.

Kwame Raoul, Chicago, was elected attorney general for the state of Illinois.

Alumni Student ConneKtions Week



(Left to right): Heather Widell '12, Daniel Costello '01, and Mark Taxman '88 discussed their practice areas on a panel during Alumni Student ConneKtions Week. Throughout the week in February 2019, more than 120 alumni met with more than 180 students for informational interviews, Coffee ConneKtions, job shadowing, and alumni panels.

William Wolf, Chicago, opened his own criminal defense firm, the Law Office of William Wolf LLC, after almost 24 years working for the Law Offices of the Cook County Public Defender. He practices in counties throughout Illinois, defending cases at the trial, appellate, and post-conviction levels of practice. He serves on the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and is a past president of the Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

1994

Richard J. Basile, Ridgefield, Conn., joined Murtha Cullina LLP as a partner in its Stamford, Conn., office. He focuses on patent litigation and patent prosecution. He has extensive first-chair patent litigation experience with an emphasis on counseling and representing generic drug companies in Hatch-Waxman proceedings.

Steven A. Berman, Deerfield, Ill., a partner at Anesi, Ozmon, Rodin, Novak & Kohen Ltd., obtained a \$1.75 million settlement in a personal-injury suit. Anesi Ozmon filed against Clowning Around Entertainment on behalf of a 17-year-old from St. Charles, Ill., who suffered a traumatic brain injury after they were struck in the head by an

amusement ride at a post-prom event.

William Bogot, Highland Park, Ill., was named a 2018 Cannabis Law Trailblazer by *National Law Journal*. Bogot is a partner in the Chicago office of Fox Rothschild LLP and also serves as co-chair of the firm's nationwide Cannabis Law practice.

Thadford A. Felton, Chicago, was named managing partner of the Chicago office of Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale PC. Felton is a member of the firm's Litigation practice group.

Kathleen M. McDonough, Chicago, was appointed to the 12-member Women's Advisory Board serving the *Chicago Lawyer* and the *Chicago Daily Law Bulletin*. McDonough is of counsel at Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, where she focuses her practice on transactional and business consulting.

Lonnie J. Nasatir, Chicago, was named president of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago. He is the eldest son of Steven Nasatir, who led the organization for almost 40 years. In 2005, Nasatir became regional director of the Anti-Defamation League's Greater Chicago/Upper Midwest area.

Jennifer A. Welch, Chicago, was named as co-chair for the Health and Human Services Transition Committee for Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot. Welch is president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Illinois.

1995

Andrea Bertone, Houston, was appointed to the DMC Global Board of Directors.

Laurie M. Burgess, San Francisco, joined Messing, Adam & Jasmine. Burgess is a seasoned labor and employment lawyer with more than 20 years of experience and a near-perfect record in handling complex litigation and appeals due to a creative approach to problem-solving in negotiations, settlements, and/or litigation. Her current work involves representing police officers and firemen.

Gregory T. Kirsch, Chicago, a veteran retail broker, was named executive managing director and Midwest retail leader in Cushman Wakefield's Chicago office.

Karen A. Klein, Clarendon Hills, Ill., joined Ticketmaster as executive vice president and general counsel, overseeing all legal, public policy, and human resources matters.

Mark J. Levin, Chicago, joined Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP as its chief marketing and business development officer. Most recently, he co-founded and served as general manager of The Right Profile, a company that provides talent management and development for the legal field and sports teams.



Young Alumni Gatherings

The Young Alumni Council hosted two socials in the past year.

(Left top): Sponsored by Taxman, Pollock, Murray & Bekkerman LLC; Peck Ritchey, LLC; and McCorkle Litigation Services, the October 2018 event congratulated the Class of 2018 on passing the bar.

(Left below): The March Young Alumni Council event—sponsored by Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C. and hosted by Mary Nicolau JD '85, LLM '91—was held at Tradition Gastro Pub.

John Fox '17 and Cameron Davis '92: Teaming Up to Protect Cook County Waterways

Q: What happens for environmental, economic, and social resilience when two Chicago-Kent College of Law alumni—who are separated by 25 years—combine forces?

A: They make history.

John Fox '17 met Cameron Davis '92 in February 2017 at an informational interview during Alumni-Student ConneKtions Week as Fox was nearing graduation. Little did they know at the time that they would team up less than a year later to shatter a statewide electoral record, win an election, and eventually help shape policy that will accommodate the region's record-breaking weather patterns.



John Fox '17 serves as research director for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Cameron Davis '92 (not pictured).

A year after they met, Davis decided to throw his hat into the ring to run for a commissionership on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Serving the second-largest county in the United States, with nearly 2,000 staff members and a budget of \$1.1 billion, MWRD was a perfect place for Davis to use his certificate in Environmental and Energy Law from Chicago-Kent. He had previously served two terms as President Barack Obama's "Great Lakes Czar." However, following the untimely death of a sitting commissioner three days before the filing deadline to run, Davis had to run as a write-in candidate. After hearing from pundits that a countywide write-in race was all but impossible to win, Davis beat out more than a half-dozen other primary contenders in March 2018 to garner 54,183 write-in votes, beating the previous statewide record of 47,561 write-in votes set by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1944.

Fox, who had participated in Chicago-Kent's Entrepreneurial Law Clinic with an active interest in environmental law, helped the campaign by spearheading the development of position papers on everything from green infrastructure to nutrient reduction.

When then-Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner attempted to move one of his appointees on the MWRD Board to the seat opened by the commissioner's death, and extend their term an extra two years, Davis engaged election lawyer Ed Mullen and Chicago-Kent's Center for Open Government to fight back, contending that the voters, not repeat appointments, should fill elected positions wherever possible. A Cook County Circuit Court agreed in October 2018, and Davis went on to win the general election a month later. Fox helped with legal research for one of the first-of-its-kind election law cases regarding write-in votes in the country.

"I set out to practice environmental law and wound up learning election law to help the environment," Fox says about the experience.

One of the first things Davis did was appoint Fox as his research director. In that role, Fox now looks for ways to strengthen MWRD's ordinances and programs for the benefit of the county's waterways, open space, and taxpayers.

"Chicago-Kent prepared me in more ways than I could have imagined," says Fox. "The hands-on instruction I received, along with Chicago-Kent's strong alumni network, gave me the confidence and opportunity to show up and make a difference."

Henry Pietrkowski, Chicago, joined the Chicago office of Sammons Financial Group as senior litigation counsel. Pietrkowski's practice focuses on private litigation in consumer class-action and complex commercial cases.

Andrew S. Rosenman, Chicago, was appointed co-leader of Mayer Brown's Employment Litigation and Consulting practice.

William E. Solander, Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., joined Venable LLP as a partner.

1996

Scott R. Fradin, Deerfield, Ill., was elevated from income principal to equity principal in the Construction Law group at Much Shelist PC. A licensed architect and co-chair of the practice, Fradin works with individual and institutional owners, developers, builders, architects, engineers, contractors, and specialty subcontractors to guide projects from inception through completion and dispute resolution.

Joanna K. Horsnail, River Forest, Ill., was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Horsnail is a partner at Mayer Brown, where she focuses her practice on construction and government transactions. She is co-chair of the firm's committee on professional advancement.

Daniel A. Kirk, Chicago, joined Exelon as manager, strategy coordination.

Sherry Knutson Vaughan, Chicago, IL, has been ranked in *Chambers USA 2018* in the area of Product Liability and Mass Torts, nationwide. She is a partner at Tucker Ellis whose practice ranges from multi-plaintiff, multi-jurisdiction litigations to single plaintiff cases. She has more than 20 years of experience in product liability and toxic tort cases.

Julie K. Letwat, Deerfield, Ill., joined McGuireWoods LLP's health care practice. Letwat's background is composed of working in-house in senior leadership roles for pharmaceutical companies and professional medical associations, in addition to a global law firm.

Patti S. Levinson, Schaumburg, Ill., was elevated to partner at Lavelle Law Ltd. Levinson focuses on family and divorce cases.

Scott McKenna, Chicago, was sworn in as a Cook County Circuit Court judge in December 2018. He won a general-election race for his position in November 2018.

United States Supreme Court Swearing In



Chicago-Kent College of Law alumni had the honor of being sworn in to the bar for the Supreme Court of the United States in March. (Left to right): Steven S. Herseth '82, Eileen Flaherty '83, Howard Margulis '87, Jennifer Bekkerman, Gerald Bekkerman '07, Amy Holtsford '94, Stacey Feely Cavanagh '95, and Timothy Cavanagh '87

Michael B. Pullano, Wynnwood, Pa., joined Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP as a partner in its Philadelphia office. Pullano's practice focuses on complex catastrophic injury cases in the products liability realm and in the defense of professional negligence matters.

Alexander V. Tsesis, Chicago, is the Raymond & Mary Simon Chair in Constitutional Law and Professor of Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. His latest book is *Constitutional Ethos: Liberal Equality for the Common Good* (Oxford University Press 2017).

Jill M. Webb, Chicago, principal attorney at the Law Office of Jill M. Webb LLC, was selected to serve as the executive committee membership chair for the American Board of Trial Advocates's Illinois chapter. She became a fellow of the International Society of Barristers. The membership in the international organization is highly selective and is limited to lawyers adjudged by their peers and judges to be "outstanding in the field of advocacy." The society seeks to honor the role of the trial lawyer in our system of justice, and one of its principal goals is the preservation of the adversary system and jury trial. Webb received the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law Distinguished Service Award.

1997

Stephen R. Auten, North Barrington, Ill., bought a home in Del Rey Beach, Fla. He plans to move his family down in the next two years.

Karen M. Dixon, Chicago, joined Skarzynski Marick & Black LLP and focuses on counseling insurers on complex insurance coverage issues and litigating coverage matters on their behalf.

Rasha Elganzouri Gad, Chicago, joined Quarles & Brady LLP as a partner in the firm's Real Estate group. Her practice covers a wide range of corporate and complex commercial real estate transactions. She has spent more than 20 years working for top-tier international law firms in the United States, United Arab Emirates, and Egypt.

Kevin M. Gross, Arlington Heights, Ill., is a supervising attorney in the Chicago office of the GEICO Insurance Company's Staff Counsel Department, where he oversees the subrogation department.

Megan B. Poetzel, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Poetzel is a partner at Jenner & Block, where she is a member of the firm's Complex Commercial Litigation and Class Action practice groups. Her litigation experience includes many pro bono matters, and she serves on the firm's Pro Bono Committee.

Jorge Ramirez, Lemont, Ill., stepped down from his position as president of the Chicago Federation of Labor to join GCM Grosvenor, the Chicago-based firm billed as one of the “world’s largest independent alternative asset management firms,” as its new managing director.

Brian A. Rosenblatt, Highland Park, Ill., is an income member at Bryce Downey & Lenkov LLC, where he focuses on three main areas: entertainment, intellectual property, and litigation. He was named studio general counsel by Village Studios LLC, where he oversees film financing and development.

Staci K. Rotman, Chicago, joined Littler Mendelson PC in its Chicago office as a shareholder. Rotman maintains a wide-ranging labor and employment practice.

Bret A. Stone, Santa Barbara, Calif., is celebrating 15 years at Paladin Law Group LLP. His practice continues to focus on environmental law and brownfields redevelopment. The firm’s Santa Barbara office is on a redeveloped brownfields site. Stone also built a shipping container house, which was recently featured in *Dwell*.

1998

Mark T. Cumba, San Diego, received the 2019 Service to the Legal Community Award from the San Diego County Bar Association.

Georgia Demeros, Park Ridge, Ill., was honored by the United Hellenic Voters of America as its 2018 Most Distinguished Greek-American in Law.

Jennifer Durham King, Chicago, was named one of Chicago’s Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain’s Chicago Business*. She is a shareholder at Vedder Price and chair of the firm’s Corporate Practice Area, co-chair of the firm’s Securities and Capital Markets group, and a member of the firm’s board of directors. She counsels issuers and underwriters as lead counsel in a broad range of transactions, including public and private debt and equity offerings, mergers and acquisitions, and capital planning and formation.

Rachel J. Foster, Portage, Mich., was named partner at Warner Norcross + Judd’s Kalamazoo, Mich., office. Foster focuses her practice on real estate transactions. She is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar of Illinois, and State Bar of Michigan, where she also serves as co-chair for the Commercial Development, Ownership, and Finance Committee of the Real Property Law Section.

Hillary A. Frommer, New York, was appointed co-chair of the New York County Lawyers Association’s Estates, Trusts, and Surrogate’s Court Practice Section. Frommer is counsel at Farrell Fritz in the Trusts and Estates

department. She focuses her practice in litigation, and handles all types of matters in the New York Surrogate’s Court and in the New York Supreme Court involving estates.

Howard L. Huntington, Naperville, Ill., joined Harrison & Held, LLP as a partner in its Business Litigation practice in Chicago.

Edwina T. Washington, Southaven, Miss., has been recognized nationally as “One of the Most Promising Black Women in Corporate America” by *Ebony* and as one of the “Outstanding Business and Professional Women” by *Dollars and Sense Magazine*. In May 2014 Washington graduated from the University of Memphis with a doctorate in education.

Michael J. Wolf, Evanston, Ill., was named vice president, deputy general counsel for Baxter International Inc.

1999

Jennifer L. Ashley, Libertyville, Ill., was named an Illinois Leading Lawyer for 2019, the fourth consecutive year she received the honor. Ashley was recognized in the field of personal injury litigation.

William M. Dec, Chicago, was featured on an NBC morning show segment with Megyn Kelly on May 17, 2018. Dec, who had recently opened a Sunda restaurant in Nashville, showed Kelly and her NBC morning show audience how to cook shrimp stir-fry with leftovers.



Chicago-Kent in California

(Left top): Alumni in San Francisco joined then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent in March at the Rubin Law Firm.



(Left below): Alumni in Los Angeles joined then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent in November for a small gathering.

Chicago-Kent in Miami

Alumni met with then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent and Illinois Tech President Alan W. Cramb in Miami.



John G. Fogarty, Chicago, joined Clark Hill PLC as senior counsel in its Government and Public Affairs practice group. Fogarty focuses his practice on election law and government affairs practices.

Holly D. Gordon, San Francisco, joined Ike Robotics as its head of public policy and government affairs. Ike is a self-driving truck company with cutting-edge technology designed to improve the trucking industry. Gordon joined Ike after three years working for the Bay Area Rapid Transit as a group manager in sustainability.

Bennett M. Miller, Washington, D.C., accepted an appointment by President Donald J. Trump to serve as a senior policy advisor in the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Adam Weber, Chicago, joined Chicago-Kent College of Law as director of the LL.M. program in Trial Advocacy for International Students. Weber is best known for his prominent role as a trial attorney at the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), a special court established to try those responsible for serious violations of humanitarian law committed in the Balkans. At the ICTY he prosecuted cases involving senior political, police, and military officials, and brought justice for countless victims. In his final case, Weber helped secure the conviction of General Ratko Mladić, the highest-ranking officer prosecuted at the tribunal.

2000

Jignasa P. Gadani, Hyattsville, Md., was appointed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as director of the Office of Energy Policy and Innovation.

Michael S. Lee, Hinsdale, Ill., was appointed senior vice president and regional wealth advisor in Northern Trust's Chicago office. Lee joined a growing practice focused on building and implementing goals-based wealth plans for ultra-high-net-worth clients.

Lisa J. Ulrich, Croton On Hudson, N.Y., was honored as a New York/Fairfield County Volunteer of the Year by Pro Bono Partnership. Ulrich has volunteered with Pro Bono Partnership since 2011, and this year alone, she has taken on six matters for four different clients.

2001

Travis W. Life, Chicago, joined Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP as an entertainment and media law partner. Life represents artists and art-related businesses in drafting and negotiating entertainment agreements, managing intellectual property, and litigating complex matters.

Kyle A. Petersen, Chicago, was elected treasurer of the Public Interest Law Initiative Board of Directors. Petersen is a partner at Seyfarth Shaw LLP, where she focuses her practice on labor and employment law.

Rosa María Silva, Chicago, was sworn in as a Cook County Circuit Court judge in December 2018 after winning a general election race in November 2018.

Jason P. Stiehl, Chicago, joined Loeb & Loeb LLP as a partner in the Litigation Department.

Andrea D. Wolfson, Miami Beach, Fla., was elevated from Miami-Dade County Court judge to Florida Circuit Court judge in the Criminal Division by former Governor Rick Scott.

2002

Gina M. Arquilla DeBoni, Glenview, Ill., was promoted to managing partner at Romanucci & Blandin LLC. She plays a critical role advocating for the firm's clients who have suffered from traumatic personal injury, medical malpractice, police misconduct, hazing, sex trafficking, products and premises liability, nursing home negligence, and construction injury cases.

William A. Borders, Chicago, was promoted to chief compliance officer at Invenergy LLC.

Jeffrey B. Greenspan, Highland Park, Ill., was named subcommittee chair of News and Development and web editor for the Trial Practice Committee for the Section of Litigation of the American Bar Association.

2003

Patricia L. Boye-Williams, Farmington, Conn., was promoted to partner at Murtha Cullina's Hartford, Conn., office. Boye-Williams practices in the firm's Municipal and Energy, Environmental, and Utilities practice groups. She is on the Farmington Town Council, and is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association and American Bar Association.

Dennis F. Esford, Chicago, recently celebrated six years as the founder and president of Windy City Trial Group, Inc.

Kenneth Klassman, Chicago, joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as a partner. Klassman partners with commercial real estate developers, investors, and privately held businesses to ensure their unique ventures excel and achieve their goals.

Julie S. Pleshivoy, Chicago, joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as senior counsel in the firm's private client group. She counsels individuals, families, business owners, and financial institutions on estate planning, wealth transfer, and tax matters.

Thomas J. Posey, La Grange, Ill., joined Reed Smith LLP as a partner in the firm's Labor and Employment practice. Posey represents companies from a wide array of industries in all aspects of labor law and employment issues, including serving as a chief labor negotiator.

Robert G. Reiter Jr., Orland Park, Ill., was elected president of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

Jason N. Sposeep, Oak Park, Ill., was promoted to equity partner of Schiller, DuCanto & Fleck. In September Sposeep will become president of the Chicago-Kent Alumni Board of Directors.

Melissa K. Ventrone, Chicago, joined Clark Hill PLC as a member, focusing her practice on data privacy and cybersecurity.

2004

Ryan W. Blackney, Woodstock, Ill., was elevated to income partner at Freeborn & Peters LLP. He is in the Commercial Litigation practice group, the Bankruptcy and Financial Restructuring group, and is a member of the Fraud and Internal Investigations team.

Katie M. Bluestone, Chicago, joined DLA Piper. She focuses her practice in the area of real estate capital markets.

Derek B. Church, Brentwood, Tenn., is president and chief operating officer of Pendleton Square Trust Company. He is responsible for overseeing the company's corporate and trust operations, as well as its legal and compliance areas. Church began his career in trust and banking as a staff attorney with the Tennessee Department of Financial Institutions in 2007.

Ryan A. Danahey, Chicago, was named partner at Doherty & Progar. His experience includes defending insurance companies and insured entities in both first- and third-party actions in state and federal court.

Alissa A. Digman, Chicago, heads the new Chicago office for McInnes & McLane. Digman is an accomplished intellectual property attorney with more than 13 years of experience in procurement and enforcement of patents, trademarks, and copyrights, including working with entertainment law.

William T. Gibbs, Chicago, won an \$880,000 settlement on behalf of the estate of a client who passed away after being struck by a tractor-trailer that had failed to stop at a stop sign. He was also named to the 2018 Irish Legal 100. Gibbs is a partner at Corboy & Demetrio who concentrates his practice on cases arising from railroad negligence, automobile collisions, participation in sports, unsafe pharmaceuticals or medical devices, construction negligence, medical negligence, premises liability, product liability, and aviation litigation.

Jason B. Hirsh, Chicago, was named the Litigation Practice group leader at Levenfeld Pearlstein LLC. He focuses his practice on protecting the assets of business owners as well as institutional clients.

Mariangela Monteiro, Chicago, received Chicago-Kent College of Law's 2019 Hon. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Award for commitment to public

service. She is the Intake and Traumatic Brain Injury project manager at Equip for Equality.

Adrian T. Rohrer, Chicago, was elected to partnership at BatesCarey LLP. Rohrer focuses his practice in insurance coverage analysis and litigation matters.

Molshree A. Sharma, Oak Park, Ill., was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Sharma is a partner at Boyle Feinberg Sharma, where she focuses her practice on high-net-worth divorce and custody issues, including a special concentration in international custody disputes.

Carrie K. Zalewski, Riverside, Ill., was appointed chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission by Governor J. B. Pritzker. Zalewski was previously at the Illinois Pollution Control Board since 2009.

12th Annual Public Interest Awards

On April 23, 2019, Chicago-Kent College of Law celebrated student and alumni dedication and service to the public interest. The evening honored the 2019 recipients of the Honorable Abraham Lincoln Marovitz '25 Public Interest Award, Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award, and the Ronald W. Staudt Public Interest Partner Award. In addition, 28 students received the Chicago-Kent Certificate of Service or the Dean's Distinguished Public Service Award in recognition of their volunteer efforts.

Honorable Abraham Lincoln Marovitz '25 Public Interest Awards

Ruth Lopez-McCarthy '09, National Immigrant Justice Center
Mariangela Monteiro '04, Equip for Equality

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award

Symone Shinton '17, Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP

Ronald W. Staudt Public Interest Partner Award

Illinois Human Rights Commission



(Left to right): Ruth Lopez-McCarthy '09, Mariangela Monteiro '04, then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent, Philip Dalmage from the Illinois Human Rights Commission, and Symone Shinton '17

Summer Under the Golden Arches

Second-year student Sofia Valdivia '21 worked closely with two Chicago-Kent College of Law alumnae when she interned last summer with McDonald's Corporation at the company's corporate headquarters in Chicago's West Loop.

Valdivia applied for the position through the Association of Corporate Counsel's Diversity Summer Internship Program.

The week before the scheduled interview, she met Krystin Hernandez '10, senior counsel in the commercial practice group for McDonald's in-house Global Legal Department, at a Chicago-Kent panel on working in-house, and introduced herself. When it came time for the interview, Valdivia says, "It was nice to have a familiar face in the room, and I think she was really influential in helping me get me the position."



(Left to right): Krystin Hernandez '10, Sofia Valdivia '21, and Layla Strothoff '07

When her internship began, Valdivia connected with Layla Strothoff '07, managing counsel for McDonald's in-house Commercial Practice Group and Hernandez's boss. "Sofia carried herself with a calm confidence I had not seen in other interns," says Strothoff. "She was poised and at ease when interacting with individuals at all levels of the organization."

Although Valdivia rotated to work with a different practice group within McDonald's in-house legal department each week—from practice groups specializing in real estate to labor and employment to litigation to technology—Strothoff and Hernandez made sure to include her in anything they were working on and to invite her to meetings. "They were both always willing to help and include me in meetings or projects they were working on, plus it was nice that we all had the bond of Chicago-Kent," says Valdivia.

"Sofia stood out throughout the summer because of her genuine business interest and willingness to do anything in order to help the team," says Hernandez. "She truly was interested in maximizing the opportunity and learning as much as she could about the practice of law and all of the diverse practice areas in which McDonald's Global Legal Department specializes."

One of Valdivia's favorite assignments was working with the Marketing and Intellectual Property Practice Group as it approved menu items from McDonald's international restaurants for the Global Menu at the McDonald's restaurant at its headquarters in Chicago. "We would look to see if there was any legal risk, for example, whether there may be a trademark issue in the U.S. concerning the product's name, or if there may be dietary restrictions that we would need to draw attention to under U.S. law," Valdivia explains.

The experience also opened her up to new career interests. "To my surprise, I really enjoyed the litigation projects I was assigned at McDonald's," Valdivia says. "I originally thought I wanted to focus solely on transactional law, but because of my internship experience at McDonald's I plan to explore some litigation classes during the remainder of my time at Chicago-Kent. As the first in my family to go to law school, I had a steep learning curve in understanding what attorneys do on a day-to-day basis, so I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work at McDonald's during my 1L summer and experience so many different areas of the law."

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Elizabeth A. Bleakley, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Bleakley is an attorney at Bleakley Law LLC, where she focuses her practice on serving small- and middle-market businesses.

Linda S. Fine, Lake Zurich, Ill., was elevated to equity member at Kelleher & Buckley LLC in Barrington, Ill. She concentrates her practice in estate planning for high-net-worth clients, estate and trust administration, estate and gift taxation, guardianships, contested estates, and complex probate matters. Fine also represents business owners with respect to the formation and operation of corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies.

Andrea E. Forsyth Telling, Grand Rapids, Mich., was promoted to shareholder at Plunkett Cooney PC. She focuses her practice in the area of transportation law, with particular emphasis on first- and third-party motor vehicle liability claims.

Elizabeth N. Hall, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Hall is a shareholder at Vedder Price in the firm's Labor and Employment practice area. She serves as the Chicago office chair of the firm's Women at Vedder Empowering Success (WAVES) group.

Angie C. Hamada, Chicago, was appointed as a board member of the Cook County Commission on Human Rights. Hamada is a partner at Allison, Slutsky & Kennedy PC.

Sara E. Herbek, Chicago, joined Global Immigration Associates PC as its new managing partner. Herbek brings extensive expertise in immigration strategy, policies, best practices, and compliance. Prior to joining GIA, Herbek practiced at Ogletree Deakins, where she was a shareholder and head of the immigration practice at one of Ogletree's major United States offices.

Maxine Weiss Kunz, Elmhurst, Ill., founded Weiss-Kunz & Oliver LLC in 2014. The firm concentrates in family law, and has grown to six attorneys and three offices in the Chicago area (Elmhurst, Ill.; Park Ridge, Ill.; and Chicago). One of Weiss-Kunz's hires is Chicago-Kent College of Law graduate **Gabrielle DiPrimio '16**.

Michael A. McCaskey, Chicago, was elected to the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors as a Non-Resident Lawyer Division representative.

Kathryn L. Mickelson, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Mickelson is a partner at Beermann LLP, where she is a part of the Divorce and Family Law group. Mickelson is an active member of the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, and serves as co-chair of the organization's Domestic Relations Roundtable.

Tonya G. Newman, Chicago, was selected as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Products Liability Committee. She is a partner at Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP, where she represents clients in complex civil litigation, products liability, and insurance coverage matters.

Craig T. Papka, Waukesha, Ill., was promoted to shareholder with von Briesen & Roper SC. He focuses his practice in the areas of labor and employment law.

2006

Judith C. Archer, Tacoma, Wash., is the director of human resources for Pierce County, Washington. Archer joined the county from Kinder Morgan Inc., where she served nearly eight years as the director of human resources for the Texas-based energy infrastructure company and its 11,000 employees.

Nicole M. Kalajian, Chicago, is counsel at Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young LLP's Chicago office. She represents securities, commodities, and cryptocurrency professionals in a variety of regulatory, compliance, and corporate matters.

2007

David E. Blau, Walpole, Mass., was made co-author/editor of *Patent It Yourself*, beginning with the 19th edition, which was published in August 2018.

Courtney D. Fong, Northbrook, Ill., was named chief legal officer and chief privacy officer of the Computing Technology Industry Association. CompTIA is a leading voice and advocate for the global technology ecosystem.

Seth A. Herkowitz, Birmingham, Mich., was selected as a *Crain's Detroit Business* 40 Under 40 honoree. Herkowitz is a partner at Hunter Pasteur Homes, a real estate agency that services various Michigan locations.

Kimberly A. Jones, Chicago, joined Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP's Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation group as a partner.

Kevin C. Keenan, Barrington, Ill., was elected as a principal shareholder at Banner & Witcoff Ltd. Keenan is active in a variety of areas within intellectual property law, with particular emphasis in patent prosecution, patent litigation, portfolio management, and counseling.

Patrick J. Kelly, Naperville, Ill., ran for and won a seat on the Naperville City Council, where he will serve a four-year term.

Tamara L. Lee, New York, is now an assistant professor of labor studies and employment relations in the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

Julia R. Lissner, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Lissner is a partner at Akerman LLP, where she represents public and private companies in business disputes at the state and federal level.

Fiona M. McEntee, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. She received the Illinois State Bar Association's 2018 Elmer Gertz Award for human rights, which recognizes long-standing, continuing, and exceptional commitment by an individual or an organization to the protection or advancement of human rights. McEntee is the founder and managing attorney of McEntee Law Group.

Juan Morado Jr., Chicago, was the 2018–19 president of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois. *Crain's Chicago Business* recognized him as one of Chicago's Notable Minority Lawyers in 2018. He is of counsel at Benesch, where he focuses his practice on health care regulation and policy.

Jordan S. Powell, Chicago, merged Powell Law Offices with Passen Law Group in 2019 to found Passen & Powell. As a founding partner, Powell has devoted his entire legal career to the representation of victims of negligence, including automobile accidents, medical malpractice, nursing home negligence, assisted living negligence, construction accidents, premises liability, and pool drownings.

Kristen E. Prinz, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Prinz is the founder and

managing partner at the Prinz Law Firm, where she focuses on providing clients with strategic and cost-effective legal and business planning solutions.

Melissa D. Sobota, Chicago, was elevated to partner at Franczek PC. Sobota concentrates her practice in both labor and employment law. Her labor experience includes collective bargaining for schools, municipalities, and county employers.

Abby M. Spears, Palm Beach, Fla., joined Nason, Yeager, Gerson, Harris & Fumero PA in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Spears practices in commercial litigation, and she also represents physicians during credentialing and peer-review disputes.

Sarah A. Zielinski, Chicago, is co-leader of McGuireWoods's National Fintech group and was recognized as a notable practitioner in Chambers and Partners's 2019 *FinTech Guide*.

2008

Margaret P. Battersby Black, Elmhurst, Ill., was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. She has played a key role in a number of nursing home and medical malpractice cases at Levin & Perconti.

Jessica K. Fender, New York, is the chair of the Forensic Sciences Committee at the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. She recently transferred from her role as an assistant U.S. attorney in the Violent and Organized Crime Unit to a position within the Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit.

Elena M. Gottreich, Chicago, was cross-designated as a special assistant United States attorney to join the Violent Crimes Task Force. As a Cook County assistant state's attorney, she is assigned to the Gun Crime Strategies Unit, which was developed in 2017 to combat the rising level of violent crime in Chicago. Assigned to the 11th Police District, which is often the busiest in the entire nation, Gottreich focuses on the gang conflicts that drive the majority of the violence in the Garfield Park and Lawndale areas of the city and vertically prosecutes charged offenders.

Dana E. Hofferber, Arlington, Va., and her husband, Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Stanley Hofferber, welcomed their daughter, Syla Jenelle Hofferber, in February 2018. Hofferber left her position as a staff attorney with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to work from home, taking appellate appointments for the Washington, D.C., courts as well as launching a new career as a Virginia real estate salesperson.

Rachel C. Jennings, Chicago, joined Neal, Gerber & Eisenberg LLP as professional development and pro bono manager.

Michael Y. Ko, Chicago, received the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. Ko is the founder of Groundwork Trial Consulting.

Nicole L. Little, Chicago, was promoted to partner at Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP. She focuses her practice primarily on patent litigation.

Gina N. Malandrino, Palatine, Ill., was named partner at Cheng Cohen LLC. Malandrino is a general corporate and commercial transactions attorney. She concentrates her practice on franchise and licensing law, commercial contracts and transactions, private equity financing, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate and organizational matters.

Justin T. Nemunaitis, Dallas, was recognized among Texas's top lawyers under 40 on the 2018 *Texas Super Lawyers* Rising Stars list published by Thomson Reuters for the fourth year. He is a principal at Caldwell Cassidy & Curry. His practice focuses on patent infringement disputes and complex commercial litigation, for both plaintiffs and defendants.

Santi Piyatatt, LL.M., Thailand, received the 2018 Chicago-Kent College of Law Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Kevin P. Shortle, Lake Forest, Ill., joined Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP as a partner. He concentrates his litigation practice on difficult pharmaceutical, chemical, and medical device technologies, with additional focus on broader intellectual property litigation, patent prosecution, and counseling.

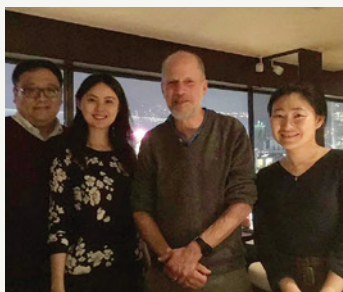
Kristin W. Silverman, Seattle, was elected as a member of Calfo Eakes & Ostrovsky PLLC. She focuses her practice on complex civil litigation, government investigations, and appeals. In the last two years Silverman has defended the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association in a series of lawsuits brought in the wake of its investigation into a nationally ranked high school football program's rules violations.

Michael J. Victor, Chicago, was promoted to partner at O'Halloran Kosoff Geitner & Cook LLC. He focuses his practice on counseling public entities and representing them in civil rights litigation, tort claims, and commercial litigation.

Timothy H. Wright, Oak Park, Ill., joined Skarzynski Marick & Black LLP as a partner. Wright focuses his practice on counseling insurers on complex coverage and bad faith matters, from the claim stage through litigation.

Chicago-Kent in China

Then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent joined groups of alumni in Shanghai and Beijing.





Atlanta Alumni Gathering

A group of alumni from Atlanta gathered with then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent. (Left to right): Thomas C. Elliott '93, D. Jelani Miller '04, Shevonne K. Willis '04, Arthur Morris '71, Krent, Micah Hensley '16, Emily Acosta '13, Orion G. Webb '14, Scott Cipinko '87, John W. Greenwald '96, and Assistant Dean Susan Lewers

2009

Patrick D. Austermuehle, Chicago, is a founding partner of Lubin Austermuehle PC. Austermuehle has experience in complex business and commercial litigation and consumer class actions. He has assisted in the successful representation of a number of state and federal matters, including cases at the appellate level.

Cheryl D. Balough, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable Women Lawyers of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. In her practice at Balough Law Offices, she focuses on her clients' trademarks, copyrights, ideas, and trade secrets as they start new ventures or grow their businesses. Balough currently serves as the chair of the Cyberspace Law Committee of the American Bar Association Business Law Section.

Richard Bixter, Chicago, was promoted to partner at Holland & Knight LLP. Bixter is a Chicago litigation attorney who focuses his practice in the areas of corporate bankruptcy, cross-border insolvency, financial investigation, and asset recovery.

David A. Gosse, Naperville, Ill., was appointed to a two-year term as co-vice chair of the American Intellectual Property Law Association PTAB Trial Committee. A partner at Fitch, Even, Tabin & Flannery LLP, Gosse helps clients protect their intellectual property rights through litigation. He works on all phases of litigation matters, from due-diligence investigations through trial and post-trial motions.

Adam P. Joffe, Arlington Heights, Ill., joined Traub Lieberman Straus & Shrewsbury LLP's Chicago office as an associate. Joffe focuses his practice in the area of insurance coverage. He counsels and represents clients in complex coverage litigation involving a wide breadth of policy types.

Ruth Lopez-McCarthy, Chicago, received Chicago-Kent College of Law's 2019 Hon. Abraham Lincoln Marovitz Award for commitment to public service. She is a managing attorney at the National Immigrant Justice Center.

Sulema Medrano, Chicago, received the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois's Latina Attorney of the Year award. She is a partner at SmithAmundsen LLC, and focuses her practice on commercial litigation and insurance services.

Matthew G. Minder, St. Louis, was elected to partner at Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP. Minder's practice encompasses all aspects of the adoption, prosecution, exploitation, enforcement, and litigation of trademarks and copyrights.

Alexander C. Pappas, Itasca, Ill., joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP as an associate. His practice focuses on real estate transactions, commercial leasing, asset-backed financing, joint ventures, and land development.

Jessica Tyrus Mackay, Chicago, was promoted to partner at Green, Griffith & Borg-Breen LLP. She focuses her practice in patent litigation and counseling, with specific experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in all facets of patent litigation and consultation arising under the Hatch-Waxman Act.

2010

Timothy A. Bresnahan, Chicago, was named one of Chicago's Notable LGBTQ Executives of 2018 by *Crain's Chicago Business*. Bresnahan is the senior director of gift planning at The Chicago Community Trust. He is a member of Rivendell Theatre Ensemble's board and is on the advisory committee of the Rogers Park Business Alliance.

David R. Doyle, La Grange, Ill., was selected to join the Bankruptcy Court Liaison Committee of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Laura A. Elkayam, Chicago, joined Much Shelist PC as an associate. Elkayam helps employers implement best practices to promote compliance with federal, state, and local labor and employment laws.

Sean J. Jungels, Chicago, was elected as a principal shareholder at Banner & Witcoff. His practice comprises all areas of intellectual property, with a focus on patent and trademark litigation and the procurement and enforcement of design patents. He has experience in representing plaintiffs and defendants in many phases of federal litigation.

Katya (Manak) Fuentes, Riverside, Ill., was promoted to partner at Stein & Stein Ltd.

Audrey D. Mense, Chicago, was elected to partner at Thompson Coburn LLP.

Erin A. Nichol, Chicago, was elected partner at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. Nichol concentrates her practice in corporate matters, and previously worked as a senior account executive for Public Communications Inc., a marketing communications firm.

Patrick Wartan, Chicago, is an attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. He concentrates his practice in the areas of food and beverage, general corporate and securities matters, and commercial real estate. He is chair of Taft's Food and Beverage team, and has extensive experience counseling multi-unit restaurant/bar operators on matters relating to financing arrangements, liquor licensing, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, and general corporate governance in jurisdictions from coast to coast.

2011

Ashley E. Crettol Insalaco, Brookfield, Ill., was promoted to partner at Tabet DiVito & Rothstein LLC. She focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation.

Brian C. Langs, Chicago, was promoted to shareholder at Johnson & Bell Ltd. Langs focuses his practice on business litigation, professional liability, and product liability disputes.

Lauren M. Ortega, Chicago, joined Polsinelli as an associate. She focuses her practice on real estate law, including leasing, acquisition, disposition, development, and finance.

Rachel Schaller, Chicago, is an attorney at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. She focuses on employment and commercial litigation.

Sara S. Schumann, Chicago, joined the Laborers' Pension and Welfare Funds as associate fund counsel.

Mark A. Silverman, Northbrook, Ill., was promoted to partner at Dykema Gossett PLLC. Silverman's practice covers a wide range of complex creditor's rights and commercial bankruptcy matters.

2012

Stephen L. Gardner, Chicago, joined Seed CX as deputy compliance officer/assistant general counsel.

Helena M. Gonzalez, Chicago, joined Johnson & Bell as director of professional development. Gonzalez is responsible for the firm's initiative and programs, and will oversee its continuing legal education programs.

Jennifer Rexroat Lavin, Chicago, is the principal attorney at Jennifer L. Lavin PC, which provides divorce and family law litigation, mediation, and collaborative law services throughout Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, and Will counties. She also serves as a Cook County court-appointed child representative and guardian ad litem.

Bruno R. Marasso, Chicago, was promoted to senior associate attorney at Romanucci & Blandin LLC. He is the third vice president of the Justinian Society of Lawyers. Marasso joined the Justinian Society in 2009 while attending Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Andrew P. Medeiros, Philadelphia, joined Pepper Hamilton LLP as director of practice solutions.

Rachel A. Remke, Chicago, was promoted to partner at Schiff Hardin LLP. Remke concentrates her practice in product liability matters and mass torts.

Caidi Mammias Vanderporten, Chicago, has joined her father, **Evan James Mammias '79**, at his boutique family law firm MAMMAS | GOLDBERG located in Chicago. Prior to joining MAMMAS | GOLDBERG, she was an assistant state's attorney for the Cook County State's Attorney Office.

Heather A. Widell, Chicago, was named a Top 40 under 40 by the National Trial Lawyers.

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41st Annual Alumni Awards Celebration

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

W Chicago—City Center
172 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL

Enjoy an evening of inspiring remarks from some of Chicago-Kent College of Law's most distinguished alumni.

Professional Achievement Awards

- The Honorable Eileen O'Neill Burke '90, Illinois Appellate Court
- Mark T. Cumba '98, California Department of Justice

Distinguished Service Awards

- Ann Cresce '94
- Michael Demetrio '79, Corboy & Demetrio

Outstanding Young Alumnus/a Awards

- C. Matt Alva '11, Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP
- Sulema Medrano '09, SmithAmundsen LLC

Institutional Partner Award

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Chicago-Kent in D.C.

Alumni gathered in Washington, D.C., at the law firm of Holland & Knight to meet with then-Chicago-Kent College of Law Dean Harold Krent in March.



2013

Emily T. Acosta, Atlanta, was named one of the Top 40 Lawyers Under 40 in Georgia by the National Trial Lawyers. Acosta practices at Childers, Schlueter & Smith LLC and represents injured individuals and their families in pharmaceutical and medical device cases.

Benjamin M. Altshul, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., joined Hahn, Loeser & Parks as an associate. Altshul represents clients in various commercial real estate transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, leasing, and finance. After being trained as a mediator by the Center of Conflict Resolution, Altshul spent his first summer in law school volunteering in the Small Claims Division at the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Fernando R. Colon, Washington, D.C., joined the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees as associate general counsel.

Peter M. Henry, Chicago, joined Oasis Financial as its servicing counsel and senior manager in underwriting.

Brianne Stricoff, Chicago, joined Anderson, Rasor & Partners LLP as an associate. She focuses her practice on medical malpractice defense and long-term care litigation.

Nazanin Tondravi, Pembroke Pines, Fla., was selected as a "Rising Star: 90 Healthcare Leaders Under 40" by *Becker's Hospital Review*. Tondravi is responsible for licensing and accreditation for about 1,800 beds in five hospitals, ASCs, ambulatory programs, and a nursing home as director of regulatory affairs at Memorial Healthcare System.

Laurence J. Tooth, Chicago, joined Litchfield Cavo as an associate. He focuses his practice on counseling insurers and insurance coverage litigation.

2014

Justin DeAngelis, Chicago, spoke at the 2019 annual Design Day conference at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, presenting on case law updates related to design patents. DeAngelis is an associate at Quarles & Brady LLP.

Martha E. Drouet, Chicago, joined Johnson & Bell Ltd. as an associate.

Brigid M. Fox, Chicago, joined Quarles & Brady LLP as an associate in the firm's Estate, Trust, and Wealth Preservation practice group.

Joaquin Hernandez, Davie, Fla., relocated to the Boca Raton, Fla., office of Duane Morris from the firm's Chicago office.

Rob L. Kohen, Chicago, was named a rising star by *Illinois Super Lawyers* in 2018 and 2019.

Kevin P. Lolli, Chicago, joined Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP as an associate. He focuses on product liability, general trial practice, and construction litigation.

Alexander I. Passo, Ogden Dunes, Ind., was named to the Leading Lawyers list for 2019. An associate at Latimer LeVay Fyock LLC, he concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation, including representing clients in matters involving internal business disputes, breach of contract, fraud, emergency business litigation, unfair competition, and professional negligence actions.

Stephen D. Pauwels, Chicago, joined Gardiner Koch Weisberg & Wrona Law.

Tatyana L. Ruderman, Glenview, Ill., joined InfoLawGroup as counsel. She was recently an associate at Mudd Law, where she focused on internet law, defamation, intellectual property, entertainment, and startup law in transactional work and state and federal litigation.

David J. Starshak, Chicago, married **Emily A. Herbick '15** on November 24, 2018, in Evergreen Park, Ill. The couple met at Chicago-Kent College of Law, where they were both on the moot court team. Starshak is an associate at Horwitz, Horwitz & Associates.

Bradley S. Thomas, Prairie Village, Kan., joined Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP as an associate in its Kansas City, Mo., office. He focuses on product liability, pharmaceutical and medical device litigation, and business litigation.

2015

Nicholas Bartzen, Oak Park, Ill., celebrated the one-year anniversary of his solo practice, Altus Legal LLC, which focuses on legal representation of Illinois condominium and homeowner associations. After getting his start with the Chicago-Kent College of Law Solo and Small Practice Incubator, Bartzen now has offices in both downtown Chicago and suburban Oak Park, Ill. In addition to the practice, Bartzen has launched a legal technology company, DecSpeak, which uses artificial intelligence to provide legal information to client condominium and homeowner associations seeking answers to basic legal issues.

Casey N. Brown, Chicago, is an associate attorney at Best, Vanderlaan, & Harrington.

Kara N. DeAngelis, Chicago, joined the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago as associate counsel.

Ian M. Fleming, Santa Clara, Calif., is director of analytics and strategy for Major League Soccer's Houston Dynamo. He was previously director of analytics and strategy and senior manager of business intelligence and analytics strategy for another MLS franchise, the San Jose Earthquakes.

Jaret S. Glazer, Chicago, and **Madeleine Minton '15** were married June 23, 2018, in Chicago. The couple met at Chicago-Kent College of Law during orientation.

Emily A. Herbick, Chicago, married **David J. Starshak '14** on November 24, 2018, in Evergreen Park, Ill. The couple met at Chicago-Kent College of Law, where they were both on the moot court team. She is an associate at Karamanis Law Group.

Ryan M. Hynes, Dublin, is pursuing a Ph.D. in economics, focusing on trade, at University College Dublin.

Christina A. Jacobson, Minneapolis, joined Littler Mendelson PC as an associate. She practices in all areas of labor and employment law.

Kelly K. Koss, Chicago, joined Stein Ray LLP as an associate. She represents project owners, design professionals, and general contractors in construction litigation matters.

Matthew Mc Carter, Chicago, joined Nathan & Kamionski LLP as an associate.

Madeleine Minton, Chicago, and **Jaret S. Glazer** were married June 23, 2018, in Chicago. The couple met at Chicago-Kent College of Law during orientation.

Elangie Patterson, Chicago, joined Litchfield Cavo LLP as an associate. She serves on the firm's coverage and litigation counsel for domestic and international insurers and handles a variety of professional liability coverage matters.

Rory P. Quinn, Chicago, joined Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP as an associate focusing on asbestos litigation and toxic tort litigation.

Daniel A. Raymer, Chicago, joined Proskauer Rose LLP as its senior legal project manager.

2016

Alexander J. Beehler, Chicago, joined Pretzel & Stouffer, Chartered as an associate. Beehler will be representing clients in medical malpractice, professional liability, and other complex tort litigation.

Nicholas P. Brankle, Chicago, joined Much Shelist PC as an associate focusing on a wide range of transactional and regulatory matters in the technology, privacy, and intellectual property arenas.

Gregory B. Conner, Mechanicsburg, Pa., is an associate with Elliott Greenleaf in the firm's Harrisburg, Pa., office, focusing on commercial, governmental, and appellate litigation.

Alexandra M. Franco, Chicago, is a visiting assistant professor at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Danielle N. Harris, Chicago, was selected as a fellow to the 2019 National Employment Law Council Academy. She is one of only 31 fellows chosen nationwide to participate in the academy.

Kenneth Matuszewski, Chicago, was awarded the Rising Star Award for a Leader with Exceptional Promise from the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association. Matuszewski was appointed as a project officer for the Young Lawyers Section, treasurer for the Lawyers for the Creative Arts's associate board, chair of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago's CLE Committee, and secretary for the Illinois State Bar Association's Intellectual Property Section Council. He also received the Patent Pro Bono Achievement Certificate from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the second year in a row for his work with the Chicago-Kent Patent Hub.

Matthew C. McElwee, Chicago, is an associate in the business department at McDonal Hopkins.

Annie C. Motto, Washington, D.C., joined the United States Department of Justice in as a trial attorney in its commercial litigation branch. Prior to this role, Motto spent two years as a judicial law clerk in Louisiana and Illinois.

Matthew Smart, Chicago, joined Paul Hastings LLP as an associate in the corporate practice.

Matthew R. Yost, Chicago, joined Travelers as associate claims counsel.



Farewell to Associate Professor Kent Streseman

More than 75 current and former members of the Chicago-Kent Moot Court Honor Society joined together in July 2019 to say farewell to Associate Professor of Appellate Advocacy Kent Streseman, who moved to California.

2017

Adam J. Farag, Chicago, started his own firm, ajf legal, LLC. He represents clients in all transactional areas of entertainment and media law.

Margaret "Peggy" Herrmann, Chicago, received Chicago-Kent College of Law's 2019 Student Bar Association Alumna of the Year Award. Herrmann is an associate at Irwin IP LLC.

Mark Kifarkis, Elk Grove Village, Ill., joined Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP as an associate. He focuses his practice on asbestos litigation and toxic tort litigation.

Ashley L. Rovner Watson, Chicago, joined Amin Talati Wasserman LLP as an associate attorney in its trademark group.

Symone D. Shinton, Chicago, joined Goldman Ismail Tomaselli Brennan & Baum LLP as an associate. She received the 2019 Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award at Chicago-Kent College of Law's Public Interest Awards.

Christina L. Vetterick, Chicago, joined the Social Security Administration as an attorney-advisor.

2018

Erika N. Auger, Chicago, joined Reed Smith LLP as an associate. Her practice focuses on advertising and marketing, including counseling on digital and social media, right of publicity matters, and sweepstakes and promotions.

Joshua G. Bass, Chicago, joined Kirkland & Ellis LLP as an associate.

Brianna R. Bower, Las Vegas, joined Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada as a staff attorney.

Peter W. Buchcar, Park Ridge, Ill., joined Stone, Pogrud, and Korey LLC as an attorney.

Dora M. Cornelio, Chicago, joined the Cook County State's Attorney Office as an assistant state's attorney.

Jessica K. Deets, Wheaton, Ill., is an assistant public defender in the Kendall County Public Defender's Office.

Alanna Elinoff, Chicago, joined Fox Rothschild LLP as an associate.

Christopher L. Gerardi, Chicago, joined Schiff Hardin LLP as an associate.

Stephanie G. Gerstetter, Chicago, joined Reed Smith LLP as an associate.

Matthew H. Griffin, Chicago, joined Schiff Hardin LLP as an associate. Griffin and his wife, Abigail, welcomed their daughter Leonora Hunter into the world.

Six Alumni Honored Among

"40 Under Forty"

Congratulations to our six Chicago-Kent College of Law alumni who were named among the "40 Under Forty" outstanding young attorneys in Illinois for 2019 by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company.



Judd Z. Fineberg '09
Associate
Dussias Wittenberg
Koenigsberger LLP



Adam S. Garber '07
Partner
Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC



Juan Morado Jr. '07
Of Counsel
Benesch, Friedlander,
Coplan & Aronoff, LLP



Daniel S. Stringfield '07
Partner
Steptoe & Johnson LLP



Philip P. Terrazzino '13
Associate
Tomasik Kotin
Kasserman, LLC



Hailee B. Zabrin '09
Partner
Berger Schatz

Monica J. Henderson, Chicago, joined Cunningham, Meyer, & Vedrine PC as an associate. Henderson focuses her practice on civil litigation, with an emphasis on medical malpractice defense.

Brennan B. Hutson, Chicago, joined Taxman, Pollock, Murray & Bekkerman LLC as an associate.

Anthony Joseph, Chicago, joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates as an associate in corporate restructuring.

Benjamin D. Lothson, River Forest, Ill., joined Swanson, Martin & Bell LLP as an associate. Lothson practices in the area of general civil litigation, with a concentration in product liability and other general tort matters.

Alida Pecanin, Chicago, joined Nicolaides Fink Thorpe Michaelides Sullivan LLP as an associate. Pecanin uses her litigation and toxic tort experience to assist the firm's insurance clients in all aspects of coverage analysis and resolution of disputes.

Jun Qiu, Chicago, joined Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP as a staff attorney. She concentrates her practice in transactional, corporate, and regulatory aspects of financial services matters. Qiu is also a founding member of the Chicago Bar Association's Financial and Emerging Technology Committee.

Tiffany T. Tran, Chicago, joined Ice Miller LLP as an associate in the firm's business group. Tran focuses her practice in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, private equity investments, corporate finance, and general corporate matters.

Professor of Law Emeritus Ralph Brill



The Chicago-Kent College of Law community is saddened by the loss of Professor of Law Emeritus Ralph L. Brill. He passed away in June at the age of 83.

A member of Chicago-Kent's faculty since 1961, he taught more than 8,500 students over

the years. He served as associate dean from 1970 to 1973, and as acting dean from 1973 to 1974.

"Ralph Brill has left an indelible mark on all of the students, faculty, and alumni who have been part of the Chicago-Kent community for the past 58 years," says Professor Harold Krent, who served as dean from 2003 through 2019. "He leaves behind an enduring legacy of excellence in teaching and innovation in establishing a top-flight legal writing program that has been emulated far and wide."

The son of Romanian immigrants, Brill was born in Chicago. He earned his bachelor's and J.D. degrees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. At Chicago-Kent, Brill taught Torts, Products Liability, Advanced Torts, and a pair of seminars—Current Issues in Tort Law and Famous Trials in History.

In 1977 Brill established and became the first director of Chicago-Kent's three-year legal writing program—the first such program in the country—that became a model for other schools. He was a past chair of the Association of American Law Schools Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research, and a former director of the Legal Writing Institute and of the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

In 1997 Brill, along with Susan L. Brody, Christina L. Kunz, Richard K. Neumann Jr., and Marilyn R. Walter, collaborated on the first edition of the *ABA Sourcebook on Legal Writing Programs*, which compiled information on legal writing programs and best practices.

Brill's leadership was instrumental in establishing Chicago-Kent's Moot Court Honor Society. He led the program for more than a decade, during which its students won numerous national and regional titles.

In 2011 the law school established its first endowed faculty chair and named it in honor of Brill.

"He was a fantastic educator, a true educational pioneer, a fearless advocate, and a loyal friend, as well as being a significant portion of Chicago-Kent's institutional memory," says Adrian Walters, the Ralph L. Brill Professor of Law.

Chicago-Kent's Ilana Diamond Rovner Appellate Advocacy Competition presents a Ralph L. Brill Award for the best brief each year. Brill also has an award named after him from the Chicago-Kent Student Bar Association.

Over the years, Brill received numerous awards for his contributions to the field of legal writing, including the 2006 Burton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education; the AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Annual Award; the ALWD/LWI 2005 Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Legal Writing; and the ALWD Leadership Award. The LWI/ALWD named an award after Brill in 2011, which will be given periodically to honor those in the legal academy who, for 50 years or more, have assisted their colleagues and students in mastering legal analysis, research, and writing. Brill was its first recipient.

Read more about Brill's career and legacy at kentlaw.iit.edu/remembering-professor-brill.

The Honorable Daniel G. Martin Class of 1984



The Honorable Daniel G. Martin '84 (right), with Professor Harold Krent, received the Chicago-Kent College of Law Alumni Association's Professional Achievement Award in 2015.

The Chicago-Kent College of Law community mourns the loss of United States Magistrate Judge Daniel G. Martin '84. He was described by Judge David Erickson, director of Chicago-Kent's Trial Advocacy Program, as "one of the rock stars of our law school." Martin taught Trial Advocacy to more than 1,000 students during his 30 years as an adjunct professor at Chicago-Kent and coached several of the law school's most successful competitive trial teams.

Martin died October 11, 2018, following a remarkable career as a federal defender, educator, and judge. He was 63.

"Danny served the federal court with distinction, and over the years gave back so much to this school and to the many trial ad students with whom he interacted," says Professor Harold J. Krent, Chicago-Kent dean from 2003 to 2019. "He was demanding, caring, and fun to be with—just an amazing person to be around."

Born and raised on Chicago's South Side, Martin earned his undergraduate degree at DePaul University in 1981 before attending Chicago-Kent.

Following law school, he became a staff attorney and later a supervising staff attorney with the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois. He also served as director of continuing legal education and as a member of the Criminal Justice Act panel attorney selection committee for the Northern District. In 2002 he created and administered the Federal Defender Program's Summer Trial Skills Institute.

He was appointed a federal magistrate judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, in 2012. Martin participated in the Northern District's Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project, launched in 2017, which studies whether civil litigation costs and delays can be reduced by requiring parties to undertake standard discovery requests before undertaking other discovery.

Erickson worked with Martin from when he was a law student on the trial team in the early 1980s and then as an instructor and coach for the program. He reminisced: "Danny was a tremendous lawyer and judge, but most of all he was an incredible person. He will always be in our hearts. Every Chicago-Kent trial advocacy team will always carry a part of Danny Martin with them. Thank you, Danny ... We all love you."

Martin was a member of the Federal Bar Association and was an active volunteer with organizations that served people with physical and developmental disabilities, including the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America and the Association of Horizon.

Read more about Martin's career and legacy at kentlaw.iit.edu/remembering-judge-martin.

IN MEMORIAM

The Chicago-Kent College of Law community extends its sympathy to the loved ones of the following deceased alumni, faculty, and friends.

Elizabeth H. Belkin '79

Professor Emeritus Ralph L. Brill

Lawrence G. Carlson '80

Adjunct Professor Champ W. Davis

Theresa L. Davis '94

Brian B. Dosch '79

Joan M. Eagle '83

Richard W. Eicksteadt '66

Melody D. Farance '00

Susan R. Franklin Fulton '79

The Honorable Robert E. Haeger '66

Michael T. Haughan '94

The Honorable John F. Hechinger '57

The Honorable Fred T. Hensley '64

Steven J. Hirsh '84

Professor J. Gordon Hylton

Philip A. Igoe '77

R. Gilman Johnson '63

Craig L. Kavensky '82

John B. Kincaid '63

John L. Kirkland '52

Melburn E. Laundry '64

George N. Leighton

The Honorable James T. Londrigan '49

Everett Loury '63

Lawrence A. Lundgren '80

The Honorable Daniel G. Martin '84

Beatrice C. Mayer

William D. O'Hara '68

Professor Emeritus Jeffrey G. Sherman

John H. Sherman '53

Abigail K. Sprayer '75

Lucile S. Stark

Ross Tyrrell '67

Professor of Law Emeritus Jeffrey Sherman



The Chicago-Kent College of Law community mourns the death of Professor of Law Emeritus Jeffrey G. Sherman, a one-of-a-kind professor who served as an institutional conscience to the law school for 32 years. He passed away in summer 2019 at the age of 72.

"Jeff Sherman was a gifted teacher, a fabulous colleague,

and a zealous defender of the integrity of the English language," says Professor Harold J. Krent, dean of Chicago-Kent from 2003 to 2019.

Sherman joined the Chicago-Kent faculty as an associate professor in fall 1978. Over the years he taught the courses Estates and Trusts, Gift and Estate Tax, and Employee Benefits Law. Prior to joining the law school, he was an assistant professor of law at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign from 1976 to 1978.

Sherman was the valedictorian of his graduating class at Lynbrook High School in Lynbrook, New York, and went on to Harvard College, where he majored in economics and graduated magna cum laude. After teaching mathematics at a public high school in Connecticut, he returned to Harvard for his law degree. After graduation, Sherman went into private practice with Doherty, Rumble & Butler in St. Paul, Minnesota, for three years, followed by a year with the Office of the Tax Legislative Counsel in the United States Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C.

Sherman wrote extensively in the areas of wills, taxation, and employee benefits, and is the author of *Cases and Materials on Pension Planning and Deferred Compensation*. He was a member of the American Law Institute. In 1991 he was elected as an academic fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel.

Honesty and integrity were important to him. Sherman was dedicated and loyal to his family and friends. He loved teaching and loved his students. "He was the most loyal, true blue person you will ever meet," says Rick Buhrke, his partner of 25 years.

Read more about Sherman's career and legacy at kentlaw.iit.edu/remembering-professor-sherman.

Upcoming Alumni Events, 2019–20

November 1–3

Illinois Tech Global Alumni Gathering (India)

February 9

National Security Law Conference

November 15

35th annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Relations
Law Conference

February 24–28

Alumni-Student ConneKtions (ASCK) Week

November 20

41st annual Alumni Awards Celebration

March 2–6

Diversity Week

December 6

Institute for Law and the Workplace
Employment Law Conference

April 23–24

37th annual Section 1983 Civil Rights
Litigation Conference

January 23

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Forum

May 17

Commencement

More events are being added all the time! For details and to register,
please visit alumni.kentlaw.iit.edu/events.

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